

**MINUTES**  
**Oneida County Board of Supervisors**  
**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 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 Winkler.

**Members Present:** Anthony Rio, Mike Roach, Steven Schreier, Ted Cushing, Collette Sorgel, Debbie Condado, Chris Schultz, Robb Jensen, Tom Kelly, Billy Fried, Jim Winkler, Linnaea Newman, Russ Fisher, Scott Holewinski, Greg Oettinger, Bob Almekinder, Tommy Ryden and Diana Harris.

**Members Present:** 18

**Absent:** Robert Briggs, Mike Timmons, Connor Showalter

*Roach entered at 9:33 a.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Please use a microphone when speaking. At 9:45 a.m. the Hearing will be started.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2023 MEETING:**

**Motion/Second: Winkler/Cushing** to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting. All "Aye", Motion carried.

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- Treasurer's Annual Report – Treasurer Tara Ostermann stated that her report was enclosed in the packet.
- Human Service Structure Report – Social Services Director Mary Rideout explained the progress they are making. Rideout stated that the focus has been on looking for a consultant and the funds to pay for it. Rideout reported that a letter was sent to the Human Service Center staff signed by all three of the County Board Chairs.

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

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Solid Waste Director Lisa Jolin thanked the Supervisors for their support and invited them to their open house.

**OTHER:**

Discussion and recommendation on which Administrative Structure to use in Oneida County and referring the recommendation to the County Board Chair or to an existing committee.

**Motion/Second: Fried/Kelly** to forward to and direct the Administration Committee to come up with options, costs and structure for the County Board to consider based on the information.

**Roll Call:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Discussion:** Fried stated there is a lot to consider and this would be beneficial. Holewinski stated that the committee would bring back options to the County Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution # 92 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Bart and Adair Sexton.

**Resolution to convey excess county lands to Bart and Adair Sexton.**

**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**, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SE ¼ - SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 42 of Deeds on Page 528, Document # 99929, recorded on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937; and,

**WHEREAS**, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to Pine Crest Rd be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owners of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pelican has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the

parcel described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner, provided the Town of Pelican does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner, and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description noted below in Exhibit A.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Mike Timmons, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Greg Oettinger

**Resolution # 93 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Steven and Patrice Ory.

**Resolution to convey excess county lands to Steven and Patrice Ory.**

**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**, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SE ¼ - SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 42 of Deeds on Page 528, Document # 99929, recorded on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937; and,

**WHEREAS**, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to CTH G be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owners of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pelican has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner, provided the Town of Pelican does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner, and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description noted below in Exhibit A.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Mike Timmons, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Greg Oettinger

**Resolution # 94 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Karl Berger.

**Resolution to convey excess county lands to Karl Berger.**

**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**, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SE ¼ - SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 42 of Deeds on Page 528, Document # 99929, recorded on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937; and,

**WHEREAS**, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to Pine Crest RD and CTH G be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owners of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pelican has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner, provided the Town of Pelican does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner, and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description noted below in Exhibit A.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Mike Timmons, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Greg Oettinger

**Resolution # 95 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Karl and Jennifer Berger.

**Resolution to convey excess county lands to Karl and Jennifer Berger.**

**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**, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SE ¼ - SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 36 North, Range 9 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 42 of Deeds on Page 528, Document # 99929, recorded on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937; and,

**WHEREAS**, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to Pine Crest RD be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owners of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pelican has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner, provided the Town of Pelican does not have any objection to said conveyance; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit A to the adjoining landowner, and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, to issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description noted below in Exhibit A.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Mike Timmons, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Greg Oettinger

**Resolution # 96 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee regarding the approval of the County Board designating named banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks as County depositories under Section 59.61 and 34.05, Wis. Stats.

**Resolution to: DESIGNATE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES.**

**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 governing body of each county is required by Secs. 34.05 and 59.61, Wis. Stats. to designate, by resolution, one or more public depositories, organized and doing business under Wisconsin or U.S. laws and located in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, one or more county depositories is required to be designated as a “working bank” under Sec. 59.61, Wis. Stats., and Associated Bank North located at 8 West Davenport Street in the City of Rhinelander, Wisconsin has been so designated; and

**WHEREAS**, every federal or state credit union, state bank, federal or state savings and loan association, savings and trust company and mutual savings bank and every national bank, located in this State which complies in all respects as to public deposits with Chapter 34, Wis. Stats. and which will accept payments made by the State under sec. 16.412, Wis. Stats., may be designated as a public depository and may receive and hold public deposits; and

**WHEREAS**, all those banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks which are state and federally chartered and are located in the State of Wisconsin, are qualified to be a public depository of County funds not immediately needed which funds may be invested in time deposits by the Investment Officer under the authority granted by Secs. 59.61, 59.62, Wis. Stats., and sec.1.27 (2) of the Oneida County General Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that it hereby designates all those banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks chartered under state and U.S. laws and located in the State of Wisconsin, and the Local Government Investment Pool as County depositories under Secs. 59.61 and 34.05, Wis. Stats.

For purposes of enumeration, the financial institutions (and/or their successors or assigns) below will be named an Oneida County depository upon filing of the appropriate paperwork with the County and are so designated by way of this resolution:

American Deposit Management Co., W220N3451 Springdale Rd, Pewaukee, WI 53072

Associated Bank NA, 304 Lincoln Street Rhinelander, WI 54501

Associated Bank, Minocqua Branch, 8683 Highway 51N & 70W, Minocqua, WI 54548

Associated Bank, 200 N Adams St. Green Bay, WI 54301

BMO Harris Bank, N.A., 7 N Brown St., Rhinelander, WI 54501

Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. 1958 Summit Park Dr, Ste 400, Orlando, FL 32810

~~CoVantage Credit Union, 905 Boyce Dr., Rhinelander WI 54501~~

Nicolet National Bank, 2170 Lincoln St., Rhinelander, WI 54501

~~Nicolet National Bank, 625 Chippewa St., Minocqua, WI 54548~~

Peoples State Bank, 8 E Anderson St., Rhinelander, WI 54501

Pershing, One Pershing Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07399

Ripco Credit Union, 121 Sutliff Ave., Rhinelander, WI 54501

US Bank Institutional Trust & Custody, West Side Flats, 60 Livingston Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107

~~Prudent Man Advisors, 770 N. Jefferson St. Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53202~~

Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative along with PMA Financial Network, Inc.

This resolution shall be effective until the County Board annual budget hearing.

Approved by the Administration Committee this 06 day of November, 2023

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

**Resolution # 97 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee cancelling stale dated checks.  
**Resolution to: CANCEL STALE DATED CHECKS.**

**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 following Oneida County checks, being two years old or more, shall be written off the outstanding check record prescribed in Section 59.64(4)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall be credited to the accounts of Oneida County by the Oneida County Treasurer with the exception that unclaimed wages outstanding longer than one year shall be reported and remitted pursuant to the State of Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property law, Chapter 177.

Check Date	Check#	Amount	Department	Name	Acct Title
4/1/2021	359868	28.13	Clerk of Court	Mitchell, Jane J	Jury Fees
7/1/2021	361642	20.08	Clerk of Courts	Bray, Jennifer	Jury Fees
7/1/2021	361667	40.12	Clerk of Courts	Waalkens, Joel	Jury Fees
7/1/2021	361668	43.02	Clerk of Courts	Wiedemeier, Brian	Jury Fees
7/1/2021	361669	22.86	Clerk of Courts	Winters, Constance	Jury Fees
8/6/2021	362235	24.26	Clerk of Courts	Bowman, Dareth	Jury Fees
8/6/2021	362247	40.23	Clerk of Courts	Martin, Timberly Jo	Jury Fees
9/2/2021	362737	28.46	Clerk of Courts	Nelson, Craig	Jury Fees
2/18/2021	359067	89.55	DSS	Walmart	Juvenile Restitutions
8/20/2021	362443	30.00	Register of Deeds	Port Washington State Bank	Holding
7/8/2021	361732	28.77	Treasury	Vilas Title Service Inc	Refunds and offsets
1/22/2021	358487	43.94	Treasury	THIBODEAUX, DAVID OR JULIE	Refunds and offsets
2/25/2021	359269	346.21	Treasury	PHH Mortgage SVCS	Refunds and offsets
3/18/2021	359696	107.35	Treasury	Sunset Bank	Refunds and offsets
6/11/2021	361211	16.72	Treasury	Mox, Evelyn	Refunds and offsets
8/6/2021	362168	12.04	Treasury	Miller, Cory or Linda	Refunds and offsets
8/6/2021	362296	6.78	Treasury	Bruzas, Julie	Refunds and offsets
8/20/2021	362570	141.00	Treasury	Lee, Richard	Refunds and offsets
9/16/2021	363238	200.00	UW Extension	Flintography	Other Supplies
6/24/2021	361495	63.34	ADRC	Berigan, Charles M	Home Meals
7/22/2021	362074	77.84	ADRC	Campbell, John	Home Meals
7/22/2021	362062	40.00	Public Health	Hurst, Dennis	Sanitarian

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that it hereby writes off the listed Oneida County checks, being two years old or more, as prescribed in Section 59.64(4)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall be credited to the accounts of Oneida County by the Oneida County Treasurer with the exception that unclaimed wages

outstanding longer than one year shall be reported and remitted pursuant to the State of Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property law, Chapter 177.

**Approved by the Administration Committee this 6th day of November, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 98 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee delegating the authority to invest county funds to the Oneida County Auditor/Finance Director.

**Resolution to: DELEGATE ONEIDA COUNTY INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.**

**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**, pursuant to Sec. 59.62(1)(2), Wis. Stats., the Oneida County Board may delegate to any officer or employee any authority assigned by law to the Board to invest County funds. Further, if the Board delegates authority under this section, the Board shall periodically review the exercise of the delegated authority by the officer or employee.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Oneida County Code 1.27(2), the Oneida County Board has delegated this authority to the Oneida County Auditor/Finance Director with the restriction that the County Board shall review the County Auditor/Finance Director's exercise of this authority annually at the November meeting of the Board.

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Board hereby confirms that they have reviewed their delegation of the authority to invest County funds.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oneida County Board affirms that the authority assigned by law to the Board to invest County funds is hereby delegated to the Oneida County Auditor/Finance Director.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

**Approved by the Administration Committee this 6th day of November, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 99 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee that \$68,492.87 be paid to the Town of Stella, and the money to come from the County 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 Stella has filed a petition for county aid for the cost of installing a culvert under Section 82.08 over Twin Lakes Creek on Rasmusson Road, and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the labor, materials, and equipment was \$136,985.73 and the County share under Section 82.08 would be 50% of the \$136,985.73 or \$68,492.87.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$68,492.87 be paid to the Town of Stella, and the money to come from the County Bridge Aid Account.

**Approved by the Public Works Committee this 19th day of October, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 100 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to approve Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission to Borrow Funds.

**Resolution to approve Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission to borrow funds.**

**Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.**

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission (Transit Commission) has the need to purchase three (3) new passenger buses to replace their aging fleet, with said purchase to be funded by State and Federal transportation grants totaling \$ 184,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, these previously approved transportation grants are structured as reimbursements, requiring the Transit Commission to first purchase the buses; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are not available for this purchase, thus requiring the Transit Commission to borrow money from a bank on a short term basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission Charter (Article IV, Sec. 3) may require "Member Municipalities" to approve borrowing of this nature by the Transit Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Vilas County Board of Supervisors will also be considering a resolution to approve the Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission to borrow funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervises approves the Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission obtaining a commercial loan, in the name of the Commission alone, from a properly licensed lending institution,

in the amount of \$184,000.00, or less, with the proceeds of such loan to be used only to purchase three buses, with the loan repayment to be made from funds to be obtained by grants which the Commission is to receive, and, if necessary with such loan to be secured by the buses which the loan is being used to purchase.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors specifically **does not** grant the Commission power to undertake any borrowing in the name of Oneida County, or in a way that requires Oneida County to co-sign or otherwise guarantee any such borrowing, or in any way that makes Oneida County liable for repayment of part or all of any such loan, or any interest, penalties, or costs of any nature associated with such loan, that requires Oneida County to reimburse the Commission for any amount in any way associated with such loan, or that in any way pledges or encumbers any property of Oneida County, either real or personal, as collateral for any such loan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said loan shall be repaid by the Transit Commission immediately upon receipt of State and Federal transportation grant reimbursement funds and that Oneida County neither offers nor extends to People State Bank of Rhinelander any collateral or repayment guarantees regarding this Transit Commission loan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this approval shall only remain valid so long as the Vilas County Board also approves such borrowing.

**Approved by the Administration Committee this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 101 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education (CUW) Committee to request the State of Wisconsin to Review its Policy of Foreign Ownership of Farmland.

**Resolution to .... Request the State of Wisconsin to Review its Policy of Foreign Ownership of Farmland.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, foreign ownership of Wisconsin Farmland is accelerating making it further difficult for family farmers and is jeopardizing our food security; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as of December 31, 2020, foreign agricultural entities in Wisconsin own over 500,000 acres of land in the state, with that number having risen by over 25,000 acres from 2019 to 2020 alone; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 710.02 currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres of agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic illustrated the need to localize supply chains, especially for food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments and those entities associated therewith; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be prudent to limit the exposure of such critical supply chains to governments and associated entities who routinely abuse human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards, and seek to upend fair markets through state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be to the benefit of the citizens of Oneida County, the State of Wisconsin and the United States to have local farmland be held by United States citizens, permanent residents of the United States, and companies incorporated in the United States that aren't controlled by foreign entities,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does respectfully request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review its policy on foreign ownership of agricultural or forestry land; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Conservation and UW Extension Education Committee this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 102 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey County Lands to State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**Resolution to convey County lands to State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County owns parcels identified in Exhibit A listed below, have been offered for conveyance to Wisconsin DNR, pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County; and

**WHEREAS**, a motion was carried by the Land Records Committee on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, recommends conveying these parcels to Wisconsin DNR because they hold a recorded easement in Document No. 194688, Volume 255, Page 163 of Deeds over both parcels for operation of a public access to Buckskin Lake; and,

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County Board of Supervisors has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey these parcels, by quit claim deed to the Wisconsin DNR, as listed in Exhibit A; and,  
**WHEREAS**, State of Wisconsin DNR also indicated that they have funds to purchase these parcels, as long as, the conveyances are approved by The Natural Resources Board on January 24, 2024; and  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcels described in Exhibit A to Wisconsin DNR for \$461.90 back taxes and foreclosure expenses and the Board authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.  
Offered and passage moved by: Mike Timmons, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Greg Oettinger**

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
  - Re-Appoint Jeff Welk to the Civil Service Commission for a 5-year term to expire in December 2028.

**Motion/Second: Cushing/Jensen** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Motion:** Adopted

**9:45 a.m. – PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 ONEIDA COUNTY BUDGET:**

- Call to order at 9:45 a.m.
- Presentation to the public of the proposed 2024 Oneida County Budget – County Board Chair Holewinski explained the budget process. Holewinski went over the fund balances. Holewinski stated that the balanced budget with revenues and expenses is \$32.34 Million. Holewinski explained Revenues and Expenses. Per Holewinski there will be changes with the Human Services Center Structure and a potential change to the current Management Structure, advising that these changes will cost money in the future. Holewinski discussed employee wages and costs stating that the county needs to work on workforce affordability. Holewinski stated that the elimination of non-core programs would reduce employees and the cost to the county. The full report is posted on the Oneida County website.
- Open Public Hearing opened at 9:56 a.m. – Call for Public Comment by Chair Holewinski, there was no public comment.
- Close Public Hearing at 9:57 a.m.
- Reconvene Regular County Board meeting at 9:57 a.m. for the purpose of taking action on the Resolutions/Ordinance Amendments and the 2024 Oneida County Budget.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution # 103 – 2023/Rezone Petition # 04 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee recommending denial of Rezone Petition # 04 – 2023 in Minocqua, Wisconsin.

**Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Planning & Development Committee, having considered Rezone Petition #04-2023, which was filed March 14, 2023 (copy attached) to amend the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon May 3, 2023 pursuant to Section 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

To rezone from District #02 Single Family to District #03 Multiple Family Residential for property described as: Lots 2, 3 and 4, CSM 3954, being part of Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 10, T39N, R6E, PIN MI 2163-2, MI 2163-11, and MI 2163-12, Town of Minocqua, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the property owner requested the rezone to allow for the building of multi-family housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Minocqua initially recommended denial of the rezone petition in a letter dated April 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on May 3, 2023 and one individual spoke in favor of the rezone and ten letters of correspondence were received in opposition of the rezone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Committee made a motion to refer the petition back to the Town Board for their review again due to statements from the Petitioner and to subsequently bring the matter back to the Planning and Development Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Minocqua confirmed their recommendation for denial in correspondence dated October 4, 2023 (copy attached); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Committee, being fully informed of the facts and after full consideration of the matter, made the following findings and recommendation, which the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has determined are reasonable:

1. After receiving two formal recommendations from the Town of Minocqua to deny the rezone, the committee felt they could not vote against the decision of the Town of Minocqua and, therefore, is not in favor of the rezone request.
2. Neighboring property owners are in opposition of the rezone petition request due to the possibility of additional people and traffic associated with multi-family developments.
3. The Town of Minocqua can file a certified copy of a Resolution, disapproving the rezone, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 59.69(5)(e)(3), 59.69(5)(e)(3m), or 59.69(5)(e)(6).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accepts the foregoing as the Planning and Development Committee's Report recommending denial of Rezone Petition #04-2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that Rezone Petition #04-2023 is hereby DENIED.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after denial of Rezone Petition #04-2023 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Minocqua Town Clerk.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023.**

**Offered and passage moved by:** Scott Holewinski, Mike Timmons, Bob Almekinder, Tommy Ryden

**Discussion:** Planning and Zoning Director Karl Jennrich stated that the town of Minocqua acted on this rezone request and is recommending denial. Jennrich reported that the Planning and Development committee has also recommended denial on this Rezone. Holewinski clarified that if the Town is not in agreement with the County's decision they will not approve it and can overturn it in 30 days.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 103 – 2023/Rezone Petition # 04 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Resolution # 103 – 2023/Rezone Petition # 04 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 104 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Scott Holewinski for Oneida County Bond Project Fund Disbursement and Oversight.

**Seconded by Cushing.**

**Resolution for Oneida County Bond Project Fund Disbursement and Oversight**

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

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County guaranteed a Bond Issuance in the amount of \$24,000,000 (Twenty-four million dollars) for Bug Tussel, LLC on June 20, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, relative to the Bond Issuance, Oneida County will need to monitor progress and authorize the disbursements of Bond Proceeds; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is not in the best interest of Oneida County to create a new committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Economic Development Committee (OCEDC) has been a high functioning team for many years relying on the expertise of various members with technical expertise; and,

**WHEREAS**, the OCEDC was the main contributor to moving middle mile Broadband expansion forwarded in Oneida County; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Economic Development Committee (OCEDC) shall act as an advisor entity to provide recommendations to the Oneida County Board regarding future funding opportunities and grants to complete Broadband expansion throughout Oneida County; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board Chair shall assign a County Board Member that currently serves on the OCEDC to report monthly to the Oneida County Board updates on the current Broadband expansion progress, progress in locating grants and funding for "final mile" Broadband projects, and OCEDC recommendations on Broadband Resolutions; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Oneida County Finance Director is appointed to oversee and approve any disbursements of Bond Project Funds as provided in Document 02 "Supplemental Series Loan Agreement No. 2 (Series 2023 Bonds)" section 1.10 using the Exhibit "B" as attached hereto; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Oneida County shall retain a project manager to report to the Oneida County Finance Director on progress of the Broadband project and prior to the disbursement of the Bond monies and to update the OCEDC County Board designee described above.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Scott Holewinski, Ted Cushing

**Discussion:** Holewinski read the Resolution, he stated that the Economic Development Committee will act as the advisory entity. Holewinski stated that after review it was determined that there was already a committee for oversight and another committee did not need to be created. Holewinski stated that this Resolution does three things, it assigns who will continue with funding for the final mile, it appoints who will oversee disbursements of the current bonds, and it appoints a project manager that will report to the County. Discussion regarding the project manager and what the cost



would be. Fugle stated that the costs of a project manager would be billed back to Bug Tussel as well as other types of oversight. Fugle stated that this is built in and would be expense neutral.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 104 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Resolution # 104 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 105 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Billy Fried to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Replacement of Polycom Video Conferencing in Court Systems.

**Seconded by Jensen.**

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Replacement of Polycom Video Conferencing in Court Systems.**

**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 County Board adopted an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan in conjunction with the 2023 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 Replacement of Polycom Video Conferencing in Court System is included in the County’s Relief Funding Plan incorporated into the 2023 budget; and, based on UST guidance should be funding under the Government Services; Modernization of audio/video service to our jail and courtrooms category, and

**WHEREAS,** The current Polycom Video Conferencing System is installed in Branch I, Branch II, and in the Jail. The system was originally used for inmate appearances between the Jail and Branch I and Branch II. Since then the Department of Corrections has implemented the use of the Polycom System. It has become an integral part of court proceedings, allowing for remote appearances for hearings and zoom calls. Prisoners throughout the state now appear via the Polycom System instead of being physically transported to Oneida County by the Sherriff’s Department. This saves time and money for the county. Total cost for hardware and implementation for both courtrooms and 3 jail rooms is \$56,398.57 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 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, Robb Jensen

**Discussion:** IT Director Jason Rhodes reported that the last system was installed in approximately 2015. Schreier questioned that this was budgeted a lot higher. Rhodes stated that the estimate was initially approximately \$200,000. Rhodes explained that they went to other vendors and stated they are saving approximately \$140,000 on this project by going with this vendor and still accomplishing the same thing.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 105 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Resolution # 105 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 106 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Scott Holewinski to create a County Transition Oversight Panel of Tri-

County Human Services Board for Continuity of Services following the December 31, 2024 withdrawal of Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties.

**Seconded by Winkler.**

**Resolution to Create a County Transition Oversight Panel of Tri-County Human Services Board for Continuity of Services Following the December 31, 2024 Withdrawal of Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties have each passed a Resolution to withdraw from the Tri-County Human Service Board effective December 31, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the services offered by the Tri-County Human Service Board are statutorily required to continue thereafter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Counties, each and collectively, have a vested interest in retaining current Tri-County Human Service Board staff to ensure services continue uninterrupted to the vulnerable members of our communities that rely on these services; and,

**WHEREAS**, as the Counties prepare to transition to a new structure, it is imperative that, each and collectively, the Counties ensure the interests and assets of the Tri-County Human Service Board are preserved for the Counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Human Service Board has initiated a hiring freeze, even when such staff is a grant funded position; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties establish a County Transition Oversight Panel consisting of Representatives with knowledge of County Human Services, Law Enforcement, Finance and/or Human Resources appointed by the County Board Chair of each County: (1) by Forest County, (4) by Oneida County, (2) by Vilas County, none of whom serve or have served on the Tri-County Human Services Board; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the newly created County Transition Oversight Panel with the assistance of Human Service Center staff, complete an inventory of the Tri-County Human Services Board staff, assets, liabilities, contracts and obligations ; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any contracts be approved by the County Transition Oversight Panel; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tri-County Human Service Board shall apply for any and all grants available to it and receive County Transition Oversight Panel approval prior to not submitting an application for an available grant,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tri-County Human Services Board approve no expenditures or transfer of funds unless the expenditure is in furtherance of existing services and programs; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tri-County Human Services Board continue recruitment and hiring of direct service staff or staff that administer programs that are included in the 2023 Human Service Center budget; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the newly created County Transition Oversight Panel shall operate pursuant to this Resolution and the "County Oversight Panel Procedure" attached hereto; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the newly created County Transition Oversight Panel shall provide updates to the County Board at its monthly meeting through December 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any decisions regarding Tri-County Human Service Board staff retention or severance be approved by the Forest, Oneida and Vilas County Boards prior to being implemented.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Scott Holewinski, Jim Winkler

**Discussion:** Holewinski explained that none of the people that sit on the Human Service Center Board will sit on this board. Holewinski stated that there are discussions with all three counties and it was determined that something had to be done to oversee what is going on. Holewinski stated this will be a panel and it is strongly recommended also by the other counties involved. Newman questioned the wording stating that there is a hiring freeze. Newman explained that they have not stopped hiring LTE's but because they do not know what the new structure will be they are not hiring full time employees. Newman feels that the board and employees are out of the loop and there is a lack of information. Fugle stated that there was a retention plan brought forward from the Human Service Center to retain employees through December 2024 and it was determined by the work group for the three counties that it was bad. Fugle explained that we need to retain the employees past the year 2024. Fugle stated that the perception is that there is an end date in 2024, that is not correct. Fugle stated that the idea behind this resolution is to ensure that services continue into 2025. Fugle stated that the clients were not getting what they needed and there is to be a plan for 2025, 2026 and forward. Fugle stated that this Resolution is not addressing monetary oversight. Rideout explained the letter that went out to employees and stated that this is in the counties interest to retain current employees. Rideout stated that the county can't guarantee employment, no county can. Rideout explained that we see no changes in programming except to increase services and staff. Schreier stated that he was not in favor of supporting the hiring freeze. Schreier stated that if a full time employee was to leave they are replaced with a temporary worker to try to make it till the end of the year. Schreier explained that there is a contract with the Human Service Center till the end of next year any and all employees are guaranteed a job until the end of next year. Schreier stated that it feels like a self-fulfilling prophesy, at no point has anyone said that services will end or employees will be cut. Schreier stated that there is a concern with the proposed retention plan and severance packages for Human Service Center employees and the cost. Schreier expressed concern with what we are telling the other county workers and employees if we are offering a severance package and retention plan for Human

Service Center when this is not offered to any other employees. Schreier questioned what the authority this Resolution is giving to the proposed committee and what power they would have over the Human Service Center Board. Fugle stated that the creation of this oversight panel is not oversight for the board but to provide the counties the understanding of what is occurring. Fugle stated that this would include applications for grant funding to make sure that they go beyond the year of 2024 and retention of employees past 2024. Rideout stated this is oversight of the transition process, she stated that it is recommended that you have a panel. Holewinski stated we need to watch out for the best interest of our county. Cushing stated that there are not a lot of answers and there is no plan in place. Fried stated that this committee is a tool to move things forward. Fried stated we cannot ignore the perceptions out there. Fried stated that there is an issue with communication we need to portray this as positive, the message is either not being delivered or perceived the right way. Holewinski stated that all of the counties are in favor of this oversight committee.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 106 – 2023:** 16 Aye; 2 Nay, Cushing, Newman; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter  
**Resolution # 106 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 107 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Jim Winkler to Provide Funding to Hire a Consultant to Study and Plan for Continuation of Services Following the December 31, 2024 Withdrawal of Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties from the Tri-County Human Services Board.

**Seconded by Sorgel.**

**Resolution to Provide Funding to Hire a Consultant to Study and Plan for Continuity of Services Following the December 31, 2024 Withdrawal of Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties from the Tri-County Human Services Board Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties have each passed a Resolution to withdraw from the Tri-County Human Service Board effective December 31, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, many services offered by the Tri-County Human Service Board are statutorily required to continue thereafter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Counties, each and collectively, have a vested interest in retaining current Tri-County Human Service Board staff to ensure services continue uninterrupted to the vulnerable members of our communities that rely on these services; and,

**WHEREAS**, as the Counties prepare to transition to a new structure, it is imperative that, each and collectively, the Counties devise a plan to continue the services provided by the Tri-County Human Service Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the transitions to a new or different structure requires the assistance of a consultant to study, plan, and recommended the structure to provide services following December 31, 2024; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Oneida shall allocate fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to contract with a consultant to assist with the transition to provide services following December 31, 2024; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Oneida County Staff shall locate an appropriate consultant and prepare a contract for services; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Oneida County shall request that Forest and Vilas Counties share the cost of the consultant pursuant to the current cost-sharing formula.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Jim Winkler, Collette Sorgel

**Discussion:** Winkler stated this is for a consultant for future processes regarding the Human Service Center. Rideout stated that they have received two proposals and there is a consultant that they are interested in. Rideout stated that the cost is proposed at \$50,000 and will be a shared cost will all three counties. Rideout stated they can start as soon as next week on this. Rio questioned where this money will come from to pay for the consultant. Holewinski clarified that the funding will come from the contingency fund. Holewinski stated that the other three counties are proposing Resolutions to approve the funding split payment for all three counties. Schreier stated that the intent from the Human Service Center to submit a refund is contingent on the final audit, but the intent is to return that funding.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 107 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Resolution # 107 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 108 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committee to Create a Full-Time Technical Support Position for the Sheriff's Office.

**Resolution to create a full time Technical Support position for the Sheriff's Office.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, due to current workload levels in the Support Services Division of the Sherriff's Office, the Sheriff requested a full time Technical Support position for 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, areas that continue to increase in workload are open records requests, background services, and transcription services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee agreed with creating the new position and recommended such to the LRES Committee during 2024 Staffing Requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRES Committee reviewed the request for the Technical Support position and recommended such to the Administration Committee as part of the 2024 budget hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration Committee did review the request for a Technical Support position when reviewing the proposed budget during their Annual Budget Meeting and does agreed with the creation of a Technical Support position.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective on January 1, 2024, a full time Technical Support position shall be created at Grade Level G of the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that all related costs, as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are approved with the 2024 Annual Budget.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the LRES Committee this 24th day of October, 2024.**

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

**Discussion:** Charbarneau stated that due to the workload they are requesting an additional technical support position. Hartman stated that they have studied this issue carefully and due to the increase in workload it was determined necessary. Hartman went over the duties of this position. Holewinski questioned if there was a way inside of the department that this cost could be covered. Hartman stated that there are 17 years of a zero percent operating cost increase for the Sheriff's Office. Hartman stated that there are things that could be cut but the determination is what level of service we want to provide to the taxpayers.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 108 – 2023:** 16 Aye; 2 Nay, Fried, Holewinski; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter  
**Resolution # 108 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 109 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the of the Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committee to provide a general wage increase for general municipal employees.

**Resolution to provide a general wage increase for general municipal employees.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee (hereinafter LRES Committee), has reviewed the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPIU) increase of 6.26% as prepared by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission for 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRES Committee has received information from department heads, and other County Board Supervisors regarding the need for the County to provide essential and sometimes difficult services to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide such services, the County must be able to hire qualified staff, and retain and motivate current staff in an extremely competitive hiring market; and

**WHEREAS**, the wage increase set forth below has been recommended by the LRES Committee and included in the 2024 Budget.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective January 6, 2024, the general municipal employee shall receive the following:

- Exempt and Non-exempt wage schedules shall include an increase of 6.26% to the control point (Step 6) with all other steps to be calculated based on such increase effective January 6, 2024.

A fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made apart thereof with monies included in the approval of the 2024 budget.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the LRES Committee this 24th day of October, 2023.**

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

**Discussion:** Charbarneau stated that this number is developed by the LRES Committee. Charbarneau stated this number has been used in the past with both the ups and downs. Charbarneau stated they are recommending a 6.2 percent increase. Winkler stated that the average rate of increase in the public sector is averaging 3 percent, can we continue to run at this kind of an increase. Fried stated that the perception is that as a county we are trying to retain and attract employees, this is a fair package. Fried stated that maybe we are not able to match the CPI next year, now would not be a good time to question this.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 109 – 2023:** 17 Aye; 1 Nay, Holewinski; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter  
**Resolution # 109 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 110 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Approve the 2024 Budget and 2023 Tax Levy Collected in 2024.

**TO APPROVE THE 2024 BUDGET AND 2023 TAX LEVY COLLECTED IN 2024.**

**Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2024 Budget Summary - Oneida County was published in the Northwoods River News on October 27, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 65.90; and

**WHEREAS**, estimated expenditures and revenues for 2024 are shown in the Oneida County 2024 Budget available for review at the Oneida County Finance Department and / or the Oneida County website, and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Administration Committee has presented the 2024 Budget to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Administration Committee held budget meetings the Counties of Vilas and Forest modified 2024 funding of the Human Service Center, and in keeping with the TriCounty agreement governing the same, the Finance Director is hereby directed to move the 2024 \$801,516 budget allocation from Human Service Center – Grants to Institutions to Contingency – Human Services Transition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has completed its review and revision of the Oneida County 2024 Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, which the 2024 budget appropriations, in the sums and for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the Oneida County 2024 Budget, be and the same are hereby adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following be and is hereby declared the tax levy for 2023, collected in 2024:

1. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for State Tax (Forestry purposes).	\$0.00
2. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for debt service, all bonds and notes legally required.	\$0.00
3. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for libraries. The City of Rhinelander, Towns of Crescent, Minocqua, Newbold, Pelican, Pine Line, and Three Lakes are not included.	\$451,747.00
4. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for Countywide EMS.	\$2,539,439.00
5. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for County Aid for Town Bridges.	\$875,000.00
6. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for Chargebacks for Refunded/Rescinded Taxes.	\$0.00
7. There is levied upon the taxable property of Oneida County the sum of for all other services provided.	\$15,215,119.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL TAXES</b>	<b><u>\$19,081,305.00</u></b>

**Approved by the Administration Committee this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**

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

**Discussion:** Fried stated that there are challenges regarding budgeting and there are strategies in place. Fried stated that there is good information with the efficiency study, when you run out of money we need to start looking at non-mandated services. Fried noted right now we have been able to maintain but next year we will need to look at policies and potential changes. Holewinski asked if there was specific questions regarding the Oneida County Budget. Schreier questioned the specific dollar amount allocated for the Human Service Center. Holewinski stated that the three counties determined that the Human Service Center has over \$5 Million which is money that the counties had given to them. Holewinski explained that the 2024 funding is put in contingency, with the expectation that the Human Service Center use that excess funding first. Smigielski stated that Vilas and Forest completely eliminated their funding to the Human Service

Center, they did this after Oneida County held their hearing. Smigielski stated this sets it aside in contingency and Administration Committee has to approve any allocation of this funding. Smigielski stated it was her understanding that both other counties have done a similar process.

**Motion/Second: Holewinski/Roach** to decrease the Sheriff's Office budget by \$22,780 primarily the dive team funding.

**Discussion:** Fried stated that unless there are really strong reasons to make this decision here today without it being completely vetted, he was not in support of this. Fried noted that there is a balanced budget that meets the needs of the county and we also have a bit of wiggle room for future 2024 challenges. Schreier stated that without a dive team the option for recovery is not pleasant and noted he is not in support of this cut. Rio stated that with the amount of bodies of water in our county, why would this be considered. Rio questioned the liability to the county and requested input from the Sheriff. Rio stated this may not be mandatory but it seems like a core service. Hartman stated that they have not saved a person with the dive team, but they have been on thin ice calls. Hartman stated that the dive team is a service that the County Board asked for and is ranked approximately 183<sup>rd</sup> out of 283 in the state.

**Roll Call Vote:** 3 Aye, Oettinger, Roach, Holewinski; 15 Nay; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Motion:** Failed

**Motion/Second: Winkler/Schreier** to reduce the budget by \$200,000 for the Administrator or Administrative Coordinator Position.

**Discussion:** Smigielski explained that this is not in the form of a salaried position, any spending from the contingency has to be approved by the Administration Committee before the funding can be released. Holewinski stated this is just set aside. Fugle stated that if this is to be removed and the funding is removed, you would need to amend the budget to add it back in if it was determined to hire for that position. Winkler stated that he thought there was to be a discussion on the SWOT before a decision was made. Holewinski stated that if the decision was made to hire that position the funding should be there. Fried stated that if the county wants to go in that direction that there will be options presented to the county board.

**Roll Call Vote:** 2 Aye, Oettinger, Winkler; 16 Nay; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Motion:** Fails

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 110 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Briggs, Timmons, Showalter

**Resolution # 110 – 2023:** Adopted

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME** January 16<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 11:46 a.m.