

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
APRIL 15, 2026  
MINUTES**

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

**Unexcused Absence:** Showalter.

**Call to order:** Chairman Fried called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Amended Agenda:**

**Motion/Second: Jensen/Holewinski** to approve today's Amended Agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion.

**Vote on Motion:** All Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2026:**

**Motion/Second: Hess/Fisher** to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2026.

**Vote on Motion:** All Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Public comment:** None

**Finance Director / County Auditor Recruitment Process:** Fried congratulated Smigielski on her announced retirement. Lueneburg reported that June 5<sup>th</sup> will be Smigielski's last day. Lueneburg presented the timeline for the recruitment and hiring process.

*9:04 a.m. Technical difficulty with Zoom.*

*9:06 a.m. Zoom ensued.*

**Finance Director / County Auditor Recruitment Process:** Lueneburg explained that it is unlikely that the replacement will be able to start before June 5th. Lueneburg asked for feedback regarding who would be on the interview panel. Fried explained that a smaller panel would probably be ideal. Hess reported that he would like to be on the hiring panel. It was determined that Lueneburg, Holewinski, Hartman, Fried, and Hess will be the hiring panel. Hartman explained that after the selection is made, approval for the hiring of the replacement would need to go to the full County Board. Discussion regarding the need to go to the full County Board. Discussion regarding the timeline to get a Resolution to the June County Board meeting.

**Ehlers – Public Finance Advisors Proposal:** Smigielski stated that there was a meeting with Hilbert Communication, the owner of Bug Tussle, for a project status update. Smigielski reported that there was a discussion regarding potential future financing needs to continue the project. Smigielski reported that Ehlers was brought in as they are the Financial Advisor of record. Smigielski explained that there is a meeting set up for tomorrow with Hartman, Smigielski and Ehlers to get a quote to look at the financial component of the current project, and the additional proposal to move forward. Smigielski explained that they wanted the committee to be aware of the situation. Smigielski reported that it will probably take a month to do the analysis and the cost is expected to be under \$25,000. Discussion regarding where the funding would come from.

**ITS Promotion Request:** IT Director Jason Rhodes stated that he wants to promote Tim Brandt to the position of Network Analyst/Office Manager on May 1st. Rhodes stated that the cost is approximately \$589, there is a memo attached to the packet as well as a fiscal impact. Rhodes explained that this is moving him to an exempt position, noting that this would eliminate overtime with this transition. Hess stated that he did not agree with the overlap, noting that this is not a Department Head position. Discussion regarding the need for overlap training. Rhodes presented some of the recent challenges that the IT Department is handling at this time.

**Motion/Second: Fried/Schreier** to extend the change in pay for the position of Network Analyst/Office Manager starting May 1<sup>st</sup> as presented.

**Vote on Motion:** Fried, Aye; Fisher Aye; Schreier, Aye; Holewinski, Nay; Hess, Nay; Jensen, Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Public comment:** None

**Dates and items for future agenda/meetings:**

The next date was set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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: Tech Support PTO at Hire). 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: Holewinski/Hess** to go into Closed Session at 9:40 a.m.

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

**Motion:** Passes

**Motion/Second: Holewinski/Fisher** to return to Open Session at 9:57 a.m.

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

**Motion:** Passes

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

**Motion/Second: Hess/Holewinski** to approve the Tech Support position to start year 16 on the PTO Schedule, without the ability to cash out the PTO if the employee leaves within the first year.

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

**Motion:** Passes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Fried adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.