

**MINUTES**  
**Oneida County Board of Supervisors**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 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 Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Members Present:** 20

**Absent:** Showalter

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

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2023 MEETING:**

**Motion/Second: Cushing/Winkler** to accept the amended minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting. All "Aye", Motion carried.

*Tommy Ryden entered at 9:36 a.m.*

*Mike Roach entered at 9:47 a.m.*

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

- Sign attendance form at the podium.

Carol Bitter of Cassian spoke in favor of the Conservation Easement. Stephanie Burrow of Hazelhurst spoke for the Easement. Laura Ragney of Enterprise spoke in support of the Pelican River project. Keith McCaffery spoke regarding the history of public land and for the Easement. Susan Grulee of Minocqua spoke in favor of conservation. Catherine Parker spoke in favor of the Conservation Easement. Tom Burrow of Hazelhurst spoke in favor of the Easement. Bruce Ross of Mecquon stated that he is a business owner and an Ozaukee Supervisor, per Ross, the Resolution is confusing and not clear. John Brooks spoke regarding protecting the Pelican River. John Kopp of Nokomis spoke regarding water quality and in favor of the Easement. Petra Pietrzak, Supervisor of Newbold is a supporter of conservation of the Pelican River. Joe Steinhage of Newbold spoke in favor of the Pelican River Easement, he stated this land is either undevelopable or difficult to be developed. Robert Kraetsch of Schoepke, stated that Schoepke passed a Resolution in favor of the Easement. Nancy Stenzel of Wausau stated that the water should be protected. Lenore Lopez of Lake Tomahawk stated that Lake Tomahawk passed a Resolution in favor of the Easement. Tom Weinsch of Pelican spoke in favor of the Easement and he stated that many towns have passed Resolutions in favor of this Easement. Eric Rampala of Cassian stated that the headwaters of the Pelican and the Wolf River are important and that most of the input from the public is in favor of this Easement. Shirley Noonan of Sugar Camp spoke in favor of the Easement. Tom Jerow of Rhinelander spoke in regards to an ATV park and in support of the Easement. Kathleen Cooper of Pelican spoke stating that the town of Pelican passed a Resolution in favor of the Easement. Nancy Watry of Newbold spoke regarding Resolution # 61 - 2023 and that opening the ATV/UTV route would give access to the hotels. Karl Fate of Spur Lake spoke in favor of the Conservation Easement and protecting the Wolf River watershed. Scott Kirby of Newbold spoke in favor of the Easement. Charlie Carlin spoke in favor of the Easement, he stated that 10 local governments have passed resolutions in favor of the Easement. Clint Miller with the conservation fund spoke. David Hansen of Stella spoke in regards to clean water. Eileen Lonsdorf of Lake Tomahawk spoke in favor of the Easement. Clerk Tracy Hartman read a list of names of people that submitted emails distributed to the County Board. Emails submitted by: Debra Liebert-Krug – Newbold, Jeff Brooks – Meridian, Indiana, Mark Beilfuss – New London, WI, Jerry Woolpy – Minocqua, WI, Cheryl Campbell – Rhinelander, WI, Lars Knochel – Fitchburg, WI, Kevin A. Yaeger – Verona, WI, Guy Wilson – Southern WI, Brian Thompson – Hillsboro, Oregon, Ron & Jan Eckstein – Pelican, Janette Semor – Unknown.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution # 54 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to approve 2022 overdrawn budgets.

**Resolution to Approve 2022 Overdrawn Budgets.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has been advised by the Administration Committee and Finance

Director, that the account set forth in Exhibit A are overdrawn for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the County Board has determined that a transfer of funds as noted in the same are necessary to pay claims which have been made or which are anticipated,

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Statutes require a resolution adopted by the County Board under section 65.90 (5)(b) for the transfer of money for any purpose in excess of funds appropriated; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriations available within each Fund is sufficient to cover overages in any one line item within the same Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, no transfer from the General Fund is required to cover budget overages for the year ended December 31, 2022.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors authorizes transfers as set forth in Exhibit A as part of the 2022 year-end close.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 55 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committee to create a full time Economic Support Specialist.

**Resolution to create a full time Economic Support Specialist.**

**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**, as a member of the Income Maintenance Central Consortium (Oneida, Marathon, Portage and Langlade counties) it has been determined that an additional Economic Support Specialist position be added at Oneida County due to workload requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, previously an Economic Support Specialist position was converted into a Lead Economic Support Specialist position, which does more training and less case management. At that time replacement of the Economic Support Specialist position was not warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, since the COVID Public Health Emergency, the consortia has seen a 40.72% increase in cases which will cause an increase in caseload management needs, including handling calls, processing renewals and support of other policies that were previously waved; and

**WHEREAS**, the consortium has received additional State and Federal funds to cover the costs of the position which will assist in the return to normal (pre-pandemic) workload requirements.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, authorities and directs that a full-time Economic Support Specialist position be created in the Department of Social Services; 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, shall be supported by non-tax levy funds. Should the funding decrease or increase the position shall be adjusted based on non-tax levy funds available.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**

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

**Resolution # 56 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee and the Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committee to create a part time Accounting Technician Position.

**Resolution to Create a Part Time Accounting Technician Position.**

**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration and Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committees. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Director has recommended that a part-time (60%) Accounting Technician position be created due to Departmental workload, to maintain a high level of quality control within the Department, and desire to effectively cross-train within the Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration Committee does support and has recommended to the LRES Committee that a part time / 60% Accounting Technician position be created in the Finance Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LRES Committee does agree with the Administration Committee in the creation of a part time / 60% Accounting Technician position to be created in the Finance Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, funding is available for this position due to continued vacancy in the Department and as illustrated in the attached Fiscal Impact Statement; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors authorizes a part time / 60% Accounting Technician position is created at Grade Level G of the Non-Exempt wage scale for the Finance Department.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Tom Kelly, Steven Schreier, Ted Cushing, Jim Winkler, Robb Jensen, Scott Holewinski, Diana Harris

**Resolution # 57 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to Oppose Congress proposing to rescind ‘unobligated’ coronavirus funds.

**Resolution to Oppose Congress proposing to rescind ‘unobligated’ Coronavirus funds.**  
**Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee.**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** Oneida County received \$6.9 million in funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the County has initiated programs and / or contracts in excess of \$4.9 million to date and is in the planning stages for programs and / or contracts of \$2.0 million ranging from Social Services and Public Health assistance to households to long overdue improvements to Courthouse, Public Safety, Public Works facilities which have a direct, positive impact on the County’s residents, businesses and visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** several federal legislative initiatives recently introduced in Congress proposing to rescind ‘unobligated’ Coronavirus funds to address the national Debt Ceiling, if passed, would cause the County to cancel these programs and / or contracts due to lack of funding, resulting in an immediate negative impact on the County’s residents, businesses and visitors; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Oneida County Board is opposed to Congress proposing to rescind ‘unobligated’ Coronavirus funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this resolution shall be forwarded to Representative Tom Tiffany, Senator Tammy Baldwin, and Senator Ron Johnson.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Tom Kelly, Steven Schreier

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
  - Re-Appoint Ted Cushing and Steven Schreier to the Human Service Center Board for a 3-year term to expire in April 2026.
  - Appoint Toni Van Doren to the Human Service Center Board for a 3-year term to expire in April 2026.
  - Re-Appoint Marcy Davies to the Board of Health with a term to expire in June 2026.

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

**Roll Call Vote:** 20 Aye, 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Adopted

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution # 58 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase II.

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase II.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the FOC, after thoughtful consideration of USTD regulations, further recommends County program funding thresholds by CLFRF category as follows: Public Health / Economic Development \$2,000,000; Premium Pay \$0; Infrastructure \$1,700,000; Government Services \$3,000,000; and Contingency of \$200,000; and **WHEREAS**, due to the administrative burden of tracking and reporting expenditures under the program only those projects or programs with an aggregate value over a three-year period of \$100,000 is considered; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The County Facilities Committee has reviewed the guidance issued by the UST, given consideration to the request from the Buildings & Grounds Department, and supports funding the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase II under the Government Services category, and

**WHEREAS**, the current air handling equipment does not allow for air supply to the historic areas of the Courthouse on the second and third floors. The age of the current system is unknown, but has outlived its expected life, was installed poorly to the steel infrastructure, and the copper piping is old and corroded, and

**WHEREAS**, the Courthouse HVAC Upgrades – Phase II project includes the removal and proper disposal of the existing (12) fan coil air handlers and the installation of (12) new fan coil air handlers, (12) new chiller water control valves, (1) new heating water control valve and new ductwork modifications and piping. The project timeline is contingent on material availability, a request for \$546,720 in CLFRF funds is presently made and detailed in the attached CLFRF Fiscal Impact form, and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2023, 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.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**

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

**Discussion:** Assistant Facilities Director Lindsey Kennedy stated this project was approved in the budget cycle. Kennedy advised this is slotted to be funded with ARPA funding. Kennedy stated that this project is to replace the twelve air handlers, heating valves and cooling valves in the Courthouse. Kennedy explained that this is the second phase of the chiller project. Fried noted that this project was approved and this is just part of the process with ARPA funds. Schreier reported that \$608,000 was budgeted for this project and the bid came in well under what was budgeted.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 58 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter; 2 Abstain, Condado, Roach

**Resolution # 58 – 2023:** Adopted

**Resolution # 59 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the purpose of Medical Examiner Radios.

**Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Medical Examiner radios.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the 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 Medical Examiner radios 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; category, and

**WHEREAS**, the Medical Examiners Department uses radios to communicate with Dispatches and Law Enforcement Agencies. The radios are also used to monitor radio traffic regarding scene calls, which eliminates response times. The fiscal impact per year, for 5 years will be zero dollars. Years of use will be minimum 5 years 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 \$22,000 in 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.

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8th day of May, 2023.**

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

**Discussion:** Medical Examiner Crystal Schaub stated this is the final last step in the process. Schaub noted that this would be funded with ARPA funds. Schaub explained that the radios will increase the response time. Schaub stated that they would be at risk of losing the contracts without these radios.

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 59 – 2023:** 18 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter; 2 Abstain, Condado, Roach

**Resolution # 59 – 2023:** Adopted

**Amended Resolution # 25 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Pelican River Forest Committee to object to the State removing future taxable land by purchasing conservation and access easements.

**Resolution to Object to the State Removing Future Taxable Land by Purchasing Conservation and Access Easements.**

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

**Whereas**, notwithstanding the requirements of the Knowles Nelson Stewardship program, neither the Oneida County Board Chair nor the Oneida County Clerk were notified of the possible purchase of the easements; and,

**Whereas**, the affected Towns and the two affected Counties were given 30 days to respond with a resolution in support or against the purchase of the easements; and

**Whereas**, two of the affected Towns delivered to the DNR a resolution opposing the purchase of the easement within the 30 day requirement and to the person the DNR designated to respond to; and

**Whereas**, ~~no~~ none of the affected Towns and ~~only one~~ none of three affected Counties sent in a resolution in support of the purchase of the easements by the date as set by the DNR in their notice to the affected Towns and Counties; and

**Whereas**, the DNR never followed up to see if any of the affected Towns or Counties had sent in a resolution in favor of the purchase of the easement or opposing it as outlined in the notice that the DNR sent to the affected Towns and two of the affected Counties; and

**Whereas**, Oneida County needs answers to questions on how the easement will affect the future tax base, economic impact and the easement agreement; and

**Whereas**, the low property taxes paid on Managed Forest Lands inadequately compensates local government for the infrastructure and services they provide; and

**Be It Resolved**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors object to the above proposed purchase of conservation and access easements as proposed; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the future time period be extended to 90 days for the affected Towns and Counties to respond with a resolution in favor of the easement purchase or opposing it; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that the local SNOWMOBILE/ATV/UTV clubs work with the affected Counties to lay out permanent trails throughout Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest Easement; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that the State purchase a 33' wide SNOWMOBILE/ATV/UTV trail throughout Phase 2 of the Pelican River Forest and deed the easement to the affected Counties; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that the State purchase a 66' wide right of way over the proposed woods roads and deed those to the affected Counties within Phase 2 of the proposed easement; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that the DNR gives the affected counties the endowment funds that they proposed to the grantor for road maintenance in the proposed agreement; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that Oneida County does not want more public land within their County without County and Town approval if Federal or State funds are used to purchase easements; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that the severance taxes on timber sales from Managed Forest Lands, eliminated in a previous budget, be restored to provide the infrastructure needed for harvesting and managing these important lands for our forest industry; and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to The Governor, The Secretary of the DNR, all Northern Counties and all State Representatives of the Northern Counties.  
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Pelican River Forest Committee.  
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Pelican River Forest Committee this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**  
**Offered and passage moved by:** Robert Briggs, Jim Winkler, Bob Almekinder, Tommy Ryden

**Motion/Second: Briggs/Oettinger** to amend line 19 to strike “no” and state “none of the” affected towns and strike “only one” and state “none” of the three affected counties. Line 37 add “Snowmobile” before ATV/UTV”, Line 40 add “Snowmobile” before ATV/UTV”. Following line 53 add “Be It Further Resolved, that Oneida County does not want more than 30% of a town within Oneida County or the County have 30% of government owned land or under government control such as conservation easements;

**Discussion:** Fried expressed concern that the amendment is specifying 30%. Fried stated that he feels that the towns should be empowered to make their own decision regarding what is best for their town. Discussion regarding the wording. Timmons reported that the comprehensive plan for the Northcentral Regional Planning Commission is being redone and per 2023 we are already at 29% of government controlled land in Oneida County. Schreier stated that he supports the amendment with the exclusion of anything after line 52. Schreier feels that each proposal should be looked at based on their individual merits. Schreier stated he is in agreement with the majority of the amendments. Discussion regarding the wording of the amendment. Jensen questioned dividing the amendment into two questions.

**Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier** to divide the question making question one lines 19 – 40 and question two line 53 addition.

**Roll Call Vote on the Motion to Divide:** 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Adopted

**Roll Call Vote on Question 1, Motion by Briggs to amend the Resolution Line 19 to Strike “no” and state “none of the” affected towns and strike “only one” and state “none” of the three affected counties. Line 37 add “Snowmobile” before ATV/UTV”. Line 40 add “Snowmobile” before ATV/UTV”:** 18 Aye; 2 Nay, Newman, Sorgel; 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Adopted

**Roll Call Vote on Question 2, Motion by Briggs to amend the Resolution following line 53 to add “Be It Further Resolved, that Oneida County does not want more than 30% of a town within Oneida County or the County have 30% of government owned land or under government control such as conservation easements; :** 8 Aye, Condado, Timmons, Oettinger, Briggs, Almekinder, Schultz, Roach, Holewinski; 11 Nay, Rio, Newman, Schreier, Harris, Fried, Cushing, Ryden, Fisher, Sorgel, Kelly, Jensen; 1 Abstain, Winkler; 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Failed

**Motion/Second: Schreier/Rio** to strike lines 50, 51, 52 and replace it with the following: Be It Further Resolved, that the severance taxes on timber sales from Managed Forest Lands, eliminated in a previous budget, be restored to provide the infrastructure needed for harvesting and managing these important lands for our forest industry; and.

**Discussion:** Schreier stated that the state removed that funding, we used to get this and rely on it. Schreier stated that the Severance Tax being restored would help the town of Monico. Schreier stated this is tied to the harvesting of the timber and brings money to the municipalities. Discussion regarding the Severance Tax and the wording of the motion. Jensen stated this is an advisory resolution. Holewinski stated that the county and other counties are looking at this and they are looking for the opinion of the Counties. Holewinski stated that the DNR contacted him and the processes will be changed in the future. Cushing stated that this is nonbinding and advisory only.

**Roll Call Vote on Motion:** 20 Nay, 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Fails

**Motion/Second: Schreier/Cushing** to add the language after line 52: Be It Further Resolved, that the severance tax on timber sales from Managed Forest Lands, eliminated in a previous budget, be restored to provide the infrastructure needed for harvesting and managing these important lands for our forest industry; and.

**Roll Call:** 18 Aye; 2 Nay, Rio, Newman; 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Adopted

**Motion/Second: Schreier/Timmons** to add at line 29, "Whereas, the low property taxes paid on Managed Forest Lands inadequately compensates local government for the infrastructure and services they provide; and.

**Roll Call on Amendment:** 18 Aye; 2 Nay, Rio, Newman; 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Adopted

**Discussion on Amended Resolution # 25 - 2023:** Holewinski clarified what this Resolution is saying is that we do not want the MFL to be in a permanent easement. Holewinski stated we are in favor of ATV/UTV's and conservation. Holewinski explained that this is a big chunk of land to take out of a township, we just don't want to give up our land permanently. Schreier stated that we want the DNR to do what they are supposed to do, we want to make sure our towns are not struggling to provide mandatory services. Schreier stated we need to send a clear message. Discussion regarding the wording of the Resolution. Winkler questioned if this could be sent back to committee and reworked.

**Motion/Second: Kelly/Sorgel** to send the Resolution back to the committee and bring back to the June County Board meeting.

**Discussion:** Roach stated that we need to send a message to Madison.

**Vote on Motion:** 6 Aye, Winkler, Rio, Newman, Sorgel, Kelly, Schreier; 14 Nay; 1 Absent Showalter

**Motion:** Fails

**Discussion:** Schreier stated that this land is private land and not public lands. Schreier feels that what is proposed makes this a better piece of property. Schreier stated that all of the parties should come to the table to discuss this. Discussion regarding the Amended Resolution.

**Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 25 – 2023:** 12 Aye, Roach, Timmons, Schultz, Winkler, Oettinger, Briggs, Condado, Fried, Almekinder, Cushing, Ryden, Holewinski; 6 Nay, Newman, Harris, Rio, Kelly, Schreier, Sorgel; 1 Absent Showalter; 2 Abstain, Fisher, Jensen

**Amended Resolution # 25 – 2023:** Adopted

*Break called at 11:55 a.m.*

*Return from break at 12:02 p.m.*

*Rio did not return from break.*

*Roach did not return from break.*

**Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Jim Winkler amending the General Code of Oneida County Section 2.02 – Order of Business to include an invocation/prayer.

**Seconded by Oettinger.**

**Ordinance amendment to amend the County Board meeting agenda to include an invocation/prayer.**

**Ordinance Amendment offered by Supervisor Jim Winkler, District 10.**

**WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the United States of America guarantee's free speech; and

**WHEREAS,** our nation has relied on a tradition of prayer before conducting its business at national, state and local levels of government; and

**WHEREAS,** the Unites States Supreme Court Case of *Town of Greece, N. Y. v. Galloway*, 134 S.Ct. 1811 (2014) has found that prayer before a government meeting does not violate the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** that same case found that prayer before a government meeting "comports with our tradition and does not coerce participation by non-adherents"; and

**WHEREAS,** in conformity with the constitutionally permitted practice from *Town of Greece, N. Y.*, a prayer/invocation should be offered for our troops and for guidance over business to be performed at that meeting, prior to the pledge of

allegiance to the flag at each County Board meeting.

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

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

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

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

Section 4. Section 2.02 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

2.02 RULE 2: ORDER OF BUSINESS. (Am. #51-94; #72-94; #20-2008; #15-2010; #54-2012; #45-2013; #52-2017)

The order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) CALL TO ORDER. At the appointed hour for the meeting, the Chair shall call the Board to order requesting that the members rise for a brief moment of silence followed by a prayer/invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- (2) The remainder of the order of business shall be at the discretion of the County Board Chairperson.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Jim Winkler, Greg Oettinger

**Motion/Second Winkler/Timmons** to postpone Resolution # 60 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 06-2023 to the June meeting.

**Roll Call on Motion to Postpone:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Showalter, Rio, Roach

*Roach returned from break at 12:05*

**Motion by Supervisor Cushing** to suspend the rules relative to introducing Resolution # 61 – 2023/Ordinance **Second by Jensen**

**Roll Call Vote:** 19 Aye, 2 Absent, Showalter, Rio

**Resolution # 61 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 07 – 2023:** Offered by Supervisor Ted Cushing Amending the General Code of Oneida County Section 7.095 All Terrain/Utility Vehicle Trails and Routes on County Highways and Bridge Crossings.

**Seconded by Timmons.**

**Ordinance Amendment to open certain County Highways to ATV/UTV use.**

**Ordinance Amendment offered by Public Works Committee.**

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County has many roads open to ATV's; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works has received multiple requests to open County Highways to ATV/UTV use, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works committee has reviewed these request and approved them; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County needs to update the County Code in order to effectuate the changes.

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

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

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

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

Section 4. Section 7.095 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

7.095 ALL TERRAIN/UTILITY VEHICLE TRAILS AND ROUTES ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGE CROSSINGS. (Rn. #80-2011, Am. #51-2015)

ATV'S are allowed to be operated on County Trunk Highways as designated by the Highway Commissioner and Highway Committee. The trails and routes that are to be on County Trunk Highways shall be reviewed and approved according to the "Oneida County Highway Committee Policy for ATV Routes and Trails", or any successor policy adopted by the Highway Committee. The following County Highways are open to ATV/UTV use:

CTH A) Open entire length.

CTH B) Open entire length.

CTH C) Open from Chippewa Drive (STH 17) to 1900 CTH C at the East Stella Town Line, Closed from 1900 CTH C to US 45.

CTH D) Open from Highway 17 to ~~STH 47~~ Rainbow Road in the Town of Lake Tomahawk. Open from US 51 to Rainbow Road in the Town of Lake Tomahawk. Closed from Rainbow Road ~~westerly~~ to STH 47.

CTH E) Open entire length.

CTH G) Open entire length.



- CTH H) Open entire length.
- CTH J) Open from STH 70 to STH 47 in the Town of Woodruff. Closed from STH 47 to US 51.
- CTH K) Open entire length.
- CTH L) Open entire length.
- CTH M) Open from Highway "B" to Forest County line.
- CTH N) Open entire length.
- CTH O) Open entire length.
- CTH P) Open from Chippewa Drive (STH 17) to East Lake George Road, Closed from East Lake George Road to USH 8.
- CTH Q) Open entire length.
- CTH W) Open entire length.
- CTH Y) Open entire length.
- CTH Z) Open entire length.

West Kemp Street) Open from the east entrance of the frontage road of 667 West Kemp Street to the Kemp Street Bridge and from the Kemp Street Bridge to the west entrance of 668 West Kemp Street. Closed from the west entrance of 668 West Kemp Street to the junction of STH 47 & West Kemp Street/USH 8 and from the junction STH 47 & West Kemp Street/US 8 to the east entrance of the frontage road of 667 West Kemp Street.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 23.33(11)(am)3 ATV's & UTV's shall be allowed to cross the bridge- following bridges in Oneida County:

1. Bridge over Crystal Lake on State Highway 45 [Connecting Oneida County parcels TL 586-2 & TL 586-3], Town of Three Lakes, and Federal ID number C-43-08-98.
2. Bridge over Deer/Big Stone Lake [a.k.a Eagle River Bridge] on State Highway 32, Town of Three Lakes, and Federal ID number B-43-031.

ATV operators crossing any bridge listed in this Ordinance section shall comply with the following conditions:

- a. Cross the bridge in the most direct manner practicable and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
- b. Stay as far to the right of the roadway or shoulder as practicable.
- c. Stop the vehicle prior to the crossing.
- d. Yield the right-of-way to other vehicles, pedestrians, and electric personal assistive mobility devices using the roadway or shoulder.
- e. Exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge.

**Offered and passage moved by:** Ted Cushing, Mike Timmons

**Discussion:** Highway Commissioner Alex Hegeman stated that this is amending the ATV ordinance. Hegeman explained that this would be Kemp Street from the bridge going west to the frontage road. Hegeman explained that this would let ATV's access the hotels, restaurants and the gas station. Cushing stated that the committee approved this. Hegeman stated that the city approved access and the bridge will also be opened. Hegeman noted that the city owns the bridge.

*Rio returned at 12:10 p.m.*

**Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 61 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 07 – 2023:** 20 Aye, 1 Absent, Showalter  
**Resolution # 61 – 2023/Ordinance Amendment # 07 – 2023:** Approved

**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)(e) for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Topic: Bug Tussel Bond Issue). It is anticipated that the County Board 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/Sorgel** to go into Closed Session at 12:12 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

*Newman left 12:45 p.m.*

*Harris left at 12:50 p.m.*

**Motion/Second: Fried/Kelly** to return to Open Session at 1:01 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** 18 Aye; 3 Absent, Showalter, Newman, Harris

**Announcement:** Chairman Holewinski stated that there was an update regarding the Bug Tussel bonding timeline.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**      June 20, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.  
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.