

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER:

First Vice-Chairman Fisher 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. Prayer was offered by Supervisor Jensen.

Members Present: Bob Almekinder, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Debbie Condado, Dan Hess, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Chris Schultz, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris, Kyle Timmons, Linnaea Newman and Michael Tautges.

Members Present: 15

Absent: Holewinski, Briggs, Ives, Oettinger, Hanus, Showalter

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Please use a microphone when speaking

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2025 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Sorgel/Cushing to accept the Minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Broadband Report – Project Manager John Sweeney gave an update on construction and issues. Sweeney stated that communication was received from Bug Tussle regarding the projects. Tony Pharo explained how BEAD BOB was determined and noted that Oneida County tied for 10th in the State of Wisconsin for funding distribution. Pharo noted that there is \$310 Million in BEAD BOB funding that the state has not spent, at this time we do not know if this will be allocated.
- 2024 Planning and Zoning Annual Report – Planning and Zoning Assistant Director Todd Troskey noted that the report was in the packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes):

- Sign attendance form at the podium. John Weidmar from Lake Tomahawk spoke against Tourist Rooming houses noting that the County should regulate this by limiting licensure. Jackie Sharp of Three Lakes spoke regarding Resolution # 63 – 2025. Bob Clark of Minocqua spoke regarding a zoning issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 51 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works and Land Records Committees to Release and Convey Excess CTH G Right-of-Way to Justin R. Lechner and Markella L. Lechner.

Resolution to release and convey excess CTH G right-of-way to Lechner.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Public Works and Land Records Committees.

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

WHEREAS, Justin and Markella Lechner owners of Lots 1 and 2 of CSM 4762, Document # 786273, in the Town of Pelican, requested the County to consider conveying and releasing the excess right-of-way of CTH G fronting parcel number(s) PE-221-4 and PE-221-1 as indicated on the map in Exhibit A below, and they have paid the \$250 administrative fee for such request; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Commissioner and Public Works Committee reviewed the request and have recommended to convey all lands lying west of a line, that is 50' south west of and parallel to the existing centerline of CTH G, to the adjoining owner(s) upon the proper approvals; and,

WHEREAS, per Wis Stat 83.025, deletion to County Highways are permitted if the Town and Department of Transportation (DOT) approves such deletion; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Pelican has approved such deletion at the July 28, 2025 Board Meeting, and the WI Department of Transportation indicated they approve such deletion in their letter dated August 5, 2025 both which are shown in Exhibit B.

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

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Ted Cushing, Greg Oettinger, Chris Schultz, Kyle Timmons

Resolution # 52 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed and other County Real Estate PIN: PE-177-1A to Anthony Richard Jones.

Resolution to convey tax foreclosed and other county real estate.

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, the tax foreclosed real estate parcel identified in Exhibit A listed below has been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,

WHEREAS, the first successful bidder has withdrawn their bid and has forfeited the \$500.00 bid guarantee, as shown in Exhibit B; and the second highest bidder has indicated they want to acquire the parcel, as shown in Exhibit C; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey the parcel(s) by quit claim deed to the successful bidder(s) listed in Exhibit A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors:

1. Accepts the bid withdrawal from the highest bidder: and
2. Accepts the bid of \$109,900.00 from Anthony Richard Jones, 2788 Schwarz Rd, Rhinelander, WI 54501 as the highest bid; and
3. Upon the receipt of the required sale amount and the \$30 deed recording fee, the Board authorizes the County Clerk to issue a quit claim deed conveying any and all interest the County has in the real property described in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 9th day September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Ted Cushing, Chris Schultz, Kyle Timmons

Resolution # 53 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to Apply for a WDNR Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant.

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant.

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and

WHEREAS, the quality of these waters is being threatened by aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies; and

WHEREAS, education is one of the keys to increasing public awareness as to the adverse impacts of aquatic invasive species on the quality of our waters and our local economies; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into new waters, and control, reduce, or eliminate aquatic invasive species already present in some bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will continue to increase public awareness of the aquatic invasive species problem by implementing planning and prevention activities to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, 75% of the cost of such planning and prevention activities may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

WHEREAS, the LWCD must apply to the DNR for the purpose of a "Clean Boats Clean Waters" grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LWCD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application, enter into a grant agreement with the DNR, submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement as appropriate, submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Conservationist shall sign the grant application and any grant contracts as Oneida County's designated agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LWCD will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 4th day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Lenore Lopez, Linnaea Newman, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Levi Rhody, Russ Fisher

Resolution # 54 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee to Apply for a WDNR Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (LMPN).

Resolution to apply for a WDNR Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (LMPN).

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

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1,100 lakes, rivers, and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and

WHEREAS, the quality of these waters is being threatened by aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies; and

WHEREAS, education is one of the keys to increasing public awareness as to the adverse impacts of aquatic invasive species on the quality of our waters and our local economies; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into new waters, and control, reduce, or eliminate aquatic invasive species already present in some bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) will continue to increase public awareness of the aquatic invasive species problem by implementing planning and prevention activities to control and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, 100% of the cost of such planning and prevention activities may be paid by an LMPN grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

WHEREAS, LWCD must apply to the DNR for the purpose of an "LMPN" Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LWCD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the County Conservationist to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application, enter into a grant agreement with the DNR, submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement as appropriate, submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Conservationist shall sign the grant application and any grant contracts as Oneida County's designated agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LWCD will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 4th day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Levi Rhody, Linnaea Newman, Robb Jensen, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez

Resolution # 55 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee to Reimburse the Town of Minocqua One-Half of the Cost of Installing a Culvert Over Little Willow Creek on Price County Road.

Resolution to reimburse the Town of Minocqua one-half of the cost of installing a culvert over Little Willow Creek on Price County Road.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 82.08 provides for county aid to construct or repair municipal culverts and bridges to structures equivalent to 36" or larger with the municipality and county each paying one-half of the cost of construction or repair; and

WHEREAS, the County Board shall appropriate the sum required and shall levy a tax and when collected shall be held in an account administered by the Highway Committee; and

WHEREAS, a municipality that has voted to construct or repair a bridge or culvert may file an application for county aid with the county highway commissioner by June 30 of the year prior to project construction to be presented for approval as part of the following year's County budget; and

WHEREAS, following an approved project's completion the municipality shall submit a request for reimbursement that includes all invoices paid by the municipality no later than September 30 to receive reimbursement in the current year; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Town of Minocqua filed a petition and was approved for county aid for one-half the cost of installing a culvert over Little Willow Creek on Price County Road in the estimated amount of \$171,675.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Minocqua has submitted paid invoices for cost to install the culvert over Little Willow Creek on Price County Road for \$178,354.95 less Wisconsin Department of Transportation Disaster Damage Aid of \$90,420.59, which leaves one-half of the remaining cost paid by the Town of \$87,934.36 eligible for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the County's responsibility under Section 82.08 would be one-half of \$87,934.36 or \$43,967.18.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \$43,967.18 shall be paid to the Town of Minocqua and the money to come from the County Bridge Aid Account.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee this 4th day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Ted Cushing, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried, Dan Hess, Robb Jensen

Resolution # 56 – 2025 / Rezone Petition # 05 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #11 Shoreland-Wetland to District #02 Single Family Residential for Property Described as Pin ST-588 in the Town of Stella.

Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee having considered Rezone Petition 05-2025 (copy attached), which was filed June 13, 2025, 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 August 20, 2025, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

To rezone land from District #11 Shoreland-Wetland to District #02 Single Family Residential for property described as being part of Government Lots 6 and 7, Section 12, T37N, R10E, PIN ST-588, Town of Stella, Oneida County, Wisconsin. This is a wetland disturbance described as an area of fill approximately 983.4 square feet with a total fill amount of 0.02 acres of wetland for the purposes of constructing an attached garage.

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

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the rezone to construct a 28 foot by 34 foot attached garage; and

WHEREAS, the garage is to be located in a mapped shoreland wetland designated as "S3K" shrub swamp wetland community on the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory Map; and

WHEREAS, the owner has received the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' approval GP-NO-2024-44-01092 allowing 1,186 square feet or 0.027 acres of fill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stella approved the request (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, On August 20, 2025, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and there were no public comments received, 0 people spoke in favor, 0 people spoke against, and 0 people spoke in ambiguity of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.86(F) of the Oneida County Zoning & Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the standards have been met. The Planning & Development Committee recommends passage.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.91(F)(2) of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the proposed rezoning will not result in a significant adverse impact upon any of the following:

- a. Storm and flood water storage capacity;
- b. Maintenance of dry season stream flow, the discharge of groundwater to a wetland, the recharge of groundwater from a wetland to another area, or the flow of groundwater through a wetland;
- c. Filtering or storage of sediments, nutrients, heavy metals or organic compounds that would otherwise drain into navigable waters;
- d. Shoreline protection against soil erosion;
- e. Fish spawning, breeding, nursery or feeding grounds;
- f. Wildlife habitat; or
- g. Wetlands both within the boundary of designated areas of special natural resource interest and those wetlands which are in proximity to or have a direct hydrologic connection to such designated areas as defined in NR 103.04 which can be accessed at the following web site: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr103.pdf>

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #05-2025:

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

Section 2: The 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 the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4: Rezone Petition #05-2025 is hereby adopted amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, by changing the zoning district classification from District #11 Shoreland-Wetland to District #02 Single Family Residential on property described as follows:

Being part of Government Lots 6 and 7, Section 12, T37N, R10E, PIN ST-588, Town of Stella, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #05-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Stella Town Clerk.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried

Resolution # 57 – 2025 / Rezone Petition # 04 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #04 Residential and Farming to District #02 Single Family Residential for Property Described as PIN's NE-229, NE-229-5, NE-229-6, NE-229-7 and NE-229-8 in the Town of Newbold.

Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee having considered Rezone Petition #04-2025 (copy attached), which was filed June 13, 2025, 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 August 20, 2025, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

To rezone land from District #04 Residential and Farming to District #02 Single Family Residential for property described as Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, CSMs 3584 and 3585, being part of the SE SE, Section 22, T37N, R8E, PIN's NE-229, NE-229-5, NE-229-6, NE-229-7, and NE-229-8, Town of Newbold, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

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

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the rezone to create eight (8) 90,000 square foot lots, all of which would be accessible from Northwestern Drive and Forest Lane in the Newbold Township, to maintain the existing 66 foot driveway easement for Lots 6 & 7 at the NE corner of Lot 9, and to create another 66 foot driveway easement at the SW corner of the existing Lot 8; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newbold approved the request (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, On August 20, 2025, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and there were 3 written public comments received, and 0 people spoke in favor, 1 person spoke against, and 0 people spoke in ambiguity of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee has reviewed the general standards as specified in Section 9.86(F) of the Oneida County Zoning & Shoreland Protection Ordinance and concluded that the standards have been met. The Planning & Development Committee recommends passage.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #04-2025:

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

Section 2: The 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 the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4: Rezone Petition #04-2025 is hereby adopted amending the Master Zoning District Document and the Oneida County Official Zoning District Boundary Map, by changing the zoning district classification from District #04 Residential and Farming to District #02 Single Family Residential on property described as follows:

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, CSMs 3584 and 3585, being part of the SE SE, Section 22, T37N, R8E, PIN's NE-229, NE-229-5, NE-229-6, NE-229-7, and NE-229-8, Town of Newbold, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #04-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Newbold Town Clerk.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried

Resolution # 58 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 Of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58 – 2022 for the Purpose of Creating and Funding 50% of Peer Support Positions.

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of Creating and Funding 50% of Peer Support Positions.

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2021, a nationwide settlement agreement was reached by and between several pharmaceutical companies and a class containing most states, counties, and a number of cities and municipalities; and
WHEREAS, in 2021, the Governor signed legislation (2021 Wisconsin Act 57) which outlines the distribution and use of Wisconsin's share of settlement funds of over \$400 million, with 70% of the proceeds being allocated to Wisconsin counties; and
WHEREAS, in 2022, the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance approved a plan which earmarks counties' use of the funds toward abatement efforts; and
WHEREAS, in 2022, Oneida County adopted Resolution #58-2022 agreeing to the settlement terms with total settlement proceeds estimated to be \$1.48 million; and
WHEREAS, projects and programs benefiting from the funds must comply with the Settlement Agreement restrictions of expenditures limited to defined categories of Treatment, Prevention, and Other Strategies; and
WHEREAS, according to the Oneida County Finance Director the balance of available Opioid Settlement Funds and investment income thereon, net of any previously approved commitments, is \$769,949.36 as of July 31, 2025; and
WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services is requesting \$6,598.00 in Opioid Settlement Funds to fund 50% of two (2) new Limited Term Employee (LTE) positions in 2025, with a 50% match of \$6,598.00 anticipated from a Vital Strategies Grant, and,
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 27th day of August, 2025.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Robb Jensen, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher

Resolution # 59 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Reimbursement of Stipend and Expenses Submitted Retroactively for a Limited Time.

Resolution to Authorize the Reimbursement of Stipend and Expenses submitted retroactively for a limited time.
Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Resolution #36-2025 updated language to institute a 90 day time frame by which stipend and out-of-pocket reimbursements must be submitted in order to be reimbursed in an effort to address administrative, accounting, and budgetary issues; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution, when passed, was effective immediately which has resulted in the unintentional prohibition for stipends and out-of-pocket reimbursements incurred prior to April 1st of this year; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #36-2025 does also allow that reimbursement "may be granted as determined by the County Board by resolution."

WHEREAS, the Finance Department requests permission to reimburse stipends and out-of-pocket reimbursements incurred in 2025 under a general waiver of the 90-day limitation from incurrence as long as they are submitted to the Finance Department no later than December 31, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the 90-day reimbursement deadline, as set forth in Chapter 3, is waived until September 31, 2025.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 10th day of September, 2025.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Connor Showalter

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

Roll Call Vote: 15 Aye; 6 Absent, Holewinski, Briggs, Ives, Oettinger, Hanus, Showalter

Motion: Passes

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution # 60 – 2025: Offered by Supervisor Steven Schreier to Appoint Chad Lynch as the Oneida County Corporation Counsel.

Seconded by Jensen.

Resolution to appoint Chad Lynch to Corporation Counsel.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Administrative Coordinator did receive a resignation notice from the incumbent Corporation Counsel; and **WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Chair, Executive Chair and County Board Chair met jointly to consider options for filling the vacancy and directed the Labor Relations Employee Services Department to conduct a recruitment to fill the position; and **WHEREAS**, the Interview team, comprised of the Public Safety Chair, Executive Chair, County Board Chair, HR Director and Administrative Coordinator, interviewed all qualified candidates for the position of Corporation Counsel; and **WHEREAS**, the interview team unanimously selected a candidate and recommends the hiring of Mr. Chad Lynch as the Corporation Counsel contingent upon County Board approval; and **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Chad Lynch as the Corporation Counsel under the following conditions:

1. The effective date of the appointment shall be October 20, 2025
2. For compensation purposes, Mr. Chad Lynch shall be compensated as follows:
 - a. Hire rate at Grade Level T, Step 13
 - b. Effective on the day of hire, Mr. Lynch shall receive 150 hours of Paid Time Off (PTO); and be placed at Year 15 of the Paid Time Off Schedule for monthly PTO accrual in lieu of the standard PTO for a new hire. If Mr. Lynch resigns during the first year of employment the PTO shall not be paid out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that an amendment has been made to the County budget for fiscal year 2025 to meet all projected costs for the position as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Funds to cover the projected costs to come from the Contingency Fund.

Offered and passage moved by: Steven Schreier, Robb Jensen

Discussion: Lynch introduced himself, stating that he is currently the Vilas County Corporation Counsel. Lynch explained that he worked for Oneida County Corporation Counsel in past years.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 60 – 2025: 15 Aye; 6 Absent, Holewinski, Briggs, Ives, Oettinger, Hanus, Showalter
Resolution # 60 – 2025: Passes

Resolution # 61 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Approve the 2026 – 2029 Deputy Association Contract.

2026-2029 Deputy Association Contract.

Resolution offered by the Executive Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee (hereinafter, "Committee"), Administrative Coordinator, Human Resources Director, Finance Director and Sheriff have met on several occasions with representatives of the Oneida County Protective Association employees bargaining unit represented by WPPA (hereinafter, "Association"); and

WHEREAS, the Committee and the Association have reached a tentative agreement concerning the contract for calendar years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029; and

WHEREAS, the principal changes, modifications and improvements to the contract, set forth below, have been recommended by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors have reviewed the proposed changes for the purposes of ratification of the agreement between the Committee and the Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does hereby ratify and approve the contract agreement referred to above for calendar years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 as negotiated between the Committee and the Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Association's contract for the years of 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 shall incorporate the following principal changes, modifications and improvements:

1. ARTICLE VII – SALARIES: Section 7.07 – ~~Hold Over Pay~~ has been eliminated.
2. APPENDIX A – DEPUTY ASSOCIATION WAGE SCHEDULE AND ARTICLE VII – SALARIES - SECTION 7.08 - Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association (VEBA) are modified to reflect hourly rate increase of:
 - 6% - January 3, 2026
 - 1% - Step 4 Detective Sergeant, Sergeant and Patrolman – January 3, 2026
 - 4.5% - January 2, 2027
 - 3.75% - January 1, 2028
 - 3.25 % - December 30, 2028
3. ARTICLE IX – OVERTIME - New Section 9.03 - Section 9.03 – Detective Sergeant Call Schedule: Detective

Sergeants will be assigned to a call schedule created by management. A daily pager payment of \$20.00 for weekdays and \$40.00 for weekend days and holidays when on call. Once a Detective Sergeant exceeds one hour of paid time worked while being on call, they will then be eligible to receive call time pay of two (2) hours straight time, plus pay for actual time worked.

4. ARTICLE IX – OVERTIME - Section 9.04 - Court Time and Court Time Cancellation: When an employee is called in for court outside his/her regular schedule, he/she shall receive call time pay of two (2) hours straight time plus pay for actual time in court. Unless required to be present in the courtroom by the judge, he/she shall perform job-related functions subject to being available to court upon five (5) minutes notice. No employee shall collect subpoena fees. Likewise, if the employee's court appearance is cancelled after 4:30 P.M. of the last court workday prior to the employee's scheduled appearance, the Employee shall be paid three (3) hours pay at their straight time rate.
5. ARTICLE XX - DURATION OF CONTRACT - Modify to reflect a four-year Agreement (2026 -2029)
6. APPENDIX B – Items issued to all new Deputy Sheriffs upon being hired;
 - a. Replace Fur Hat with Winter Hat
 - b. Strike - 1 short sleeve brown shirt, with silver tan pocket flaps and epaulets, Class A
 - c. Strike – 1 Silver Tan Tie
 - d. Strike – Dark Brown Special Duty Shorts
 - e. Strike – Tactical Knife Holder (Single Magazine Pouch)
 - f. Strike – Glock .45 Caliber pistol and replace with Duty Weapon
 - g. Strike – Citation Holder
 - h. Strike – Squad Clipboard
 - i. Add – External Armor Carrier and Accessory Pouches

A fiscal impact statement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 10th day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Connor Showalter

Discussion: Fried stated that negotiations are completed and we are looking for the approval. Fried explained that this is a four year contract. Schreier reported that the negotiations were pretty simple and straight forward and expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 61 – 2025: 15 Aye; 6 Absent, Holewinski, Briggs, Ives, Oettinger, Hanus, Showalter
Resolution # 61 – 2025: Passes

Resolution # 62 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) By and Between Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties Relative to the Close-Out of Fiscal Activity Following the December 31, 2024 Withdrawal from the Tri-County Human Services Board.

Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties relative to the close-out of fiscal activity following the December 31, 2024 withdrawal 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 safeguarding any and all Human Service Center assets and liabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Counties, each and collectively, have a vested interest that all contractual and statutorily required audits, reports and submissions are completed accurately and timely.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Oneida County Finance Director and Corporation Counsel in coordination with their counterparts in Forest County and Vilas County have agreed upon the terms and conditions to move forward with an official close out of The Human Service Center fiscal activity via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board approves the MOU and authorizes the Board Chairman to execute the MOU as presented.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 10th day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Robb Jensen, Diana Harris, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Connor Showalter

Discussion: Fried stated that this has been talked about for the last year and a half, explaining that this Resolution gives the County Board Chair and Finance Director the ability to disperse the leftover funds.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 62 – 2025: 15 Aye; 6 Absent, Holewinski, Briggs, Ives, Oettinger, Hanus, Showalter
Resolution # 62 – 2025: Passes

Resolution # 63 – 2025 / Recommending Denial of Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee Recommending Denial of the Resolution to Amend Chapter 9, Article 5, Section 9.58 Tourist Rooming House.

**Resolution to amend Chapter 9, Article 5, Section 9.58 Tourist Rooming House.
Ordinance Amendment offered by the Planning and Development Committee.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee, having considered Ordinance Amendment #06-2025, which was filed June 5, 2025 (copy attached) to amend Section 9.58 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon August 20, 2025, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

WHEREAS, On June 23, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Department sent a memo (copy attached) to all of the Oneida County Town Clerks and Chairpersons discussing the proposed ordinance amendment and including the current language. Out of the 21 townships in Oneida County, eight responded with four towns in opposition and four towns in support of the ordinance amendment; and

WHEREAS, August 20, 2025, the Planning and Development Committee held a public hearing and the adjoining landowners were provided with a written notice of the change and there were 10 public comments received, 9 people spoke concerning the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has carefully studied the proposed changes after listening to comments made at the public hearing and recommends denial.

WHEREAS, the Planning & 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. The Planning and Development Committee would like to acknowledge the housing shortage and concerns that many townships and constituents have concerning this issue.
2. The Planning and Development Committee would like to acknowledge the concerns that many townships and constituents have concerning with protecting the single family zoning district.
3. The Planning and Development Committee would recommend creating an additional zoning district for towns to adopt that would like to allow no more than one (1) rental per seven (7) day period.

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 Ordinance Amendment #06-2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that Ordinance Amendment #06-2025 is hereby DENIED.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after denial of Ordinance Amendment #06-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the town clerks of Oneida County.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Bob Almekinder, Billy Fried

Discussion: Hess stated this came before the Planning and Development Committee, noting that some towns were for it and some were against it. Hess explained that the recommendation was for towns that wanted to allow the change of "for no more than one rental per seven-day period" to create an additional zoning district. Sorgel stated that the proposed solution is very cumbersome. Sorgel explained that she suggests changing the Ordinance to allow for one rental in a seven day period, allowing a one or two night rental. Jensen questioned the amount of complaints that have been received per town. Jensen expressed concern regarding how this would be implemented and enforcement. Hess stated he does not see a difference, as right now the limitation is one rental for a seven day period. Hess explained that there would still be one renter, just renting for less days. Troskey reported there are approximately 100 complaints per year for the County. Hess agreed that it would be burdensome for the towns to rezone. Fisher clarified that this would reduce the amount of rented days in the seven allotted days. Fried stated that the process kicked it back to Zoning and Zoning voted no. Fried noted that the County Board denied it a month ago, this Resolution is just confirming the denial. Fried explained that the feedback he has gotten was for additional limitations in single family, not loosening the restrictions. Cushing stated that he supports the way that the Planning Commission voted. Discussion regarding how to approve or deny the Resolution. Hartman explained that currently the code states that you cannot rent for less than seven days. Almekinder stated that it was recommended for the towns to create zoning districts and not force it on the towns that don't want this change. Almekinder stated that if this is passed, this will be forced on all of the towns. Assistant Corporation

Counsel Andrew Kaftan explained the legality of the Resolution and what a yes or no vote would mean. Fried stated that the towns can be more restrictive, the issue is enforcement. Fried noted that the towns can create a new Zoning District if this is something they want, then the County will enforce it. Schreier expressed concern that there could be 21 different zoning districts and enforcement could be an issue. Schreier explained that this is burdensome to the Zoning Department and the Towns. Schreier noted that it would be interesting to see who was all in support of the change. Sorgel reported that four towns sent letters of support, four towns were not in support and the rest did not respond. Timmons stated that he has not heard any support for this except from people that own them. Timmons explained that he has received complaints from year round residents.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 63 – 2025 / Recommending Denial of Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025: 3 Aye, Schreier, Almekinder, Fried; 12 Nay, Hess, Schultz, Cushing, Timmons, Jensen, Condado, Sorgel, Newman, Lopez, Tautges, Harris, Fisher; 6 Absent, Holewinski, Briggs, Ives, Oettinger, Hanus, Showalter
Resolution # 63 – 2025 / Recommending Denial of Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025: Fails

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME October 21st, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

First Vice-Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.