MINUTES

Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

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CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Russ 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 Condado.

Members Present: Robert Briggs, Greg Oettinger, Russ Fisher, Linnaea Newman, Chris Schultz, Collette Sorgel, Kris Hanus, Lenore Lopez, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Robb Jensen, Mike Timmons, Debbie Condado, Diana Harris, Steven Schreier, Dan Hess and Michael Tautges.
Members Present: 17
Absent: Almekinder, Showalter, Ives, Holewinski

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Please use a microphone when speaking

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2024 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Cushing/Schreier to accept the Minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting. All "Aye", Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Transition Oversight Panel – Tyler Young – Young stated that they are still in transition and gave a brief update. Young noted that they are working on closing old accounts out and are meeting with the consultant. Young stated that Rideout found a State grant that is for treatment facilities and improvements for the Koinonia building. Rideout noted that may fund HVAC, upgrades to ADA compliance for the shower rooms and flooring replacement. Young noted this is not a match grant. Young explained that this is the only facility in northern Wisconsin.

Schultz entered at 9:37 a.m.

- Broadband Report – Supervisor Sorgel – Tony Pharo presented an update on broadband and the BEAD funding. Pharo noted they are looking at determining who will be the Internet Service Provider for the final mile hook-up. Pharo explained that there are four ISP's that are interested in bidding on this; Bertram Communications, Bug Tussel, Charter and Frontier. Pharo reported that they are listening to presentations at this time. Pharo went over the grant process. Pharo stated that the ISP will need to put in some matching funds. Pharo noted that he does not feel that the County will need to put in additional funding at this time. Pharo explained that they are working with Bug Tussel regarding a promissory note from the County for about $1.5 Million.
- 2023 Annual Report for Planning and Zoning – Karl Jennrich – Fisher noted that the report was received. There was no presentation.
- Oneida County Economic Development Corporation Presentation – Tony Pharo – Pharo gave an overview of the OCED organization, they are non-profit and are a nongovernment agency. Pharo explained that they exist to help the local governments to drive economic growth. Pharo went over some of the projects that Economic Development has been involved with. Pharo stated that the Broadband project was co-authored and discussed the

details of what was completed. Pharo explained some of the new projects that are in development.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes)

- Sign attendance form at the podium

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 84 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey part of TL-1135-15 to Carl Raymond Bacon Jr.

Resolution to convey excess county lands to Bacon.

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 SW ¼ - NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 11 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 58 of Deeds on Page 5, Document # 115893, recorded on June 19th, 1943; and,

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner(s) listed in Exhibit A requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to Peters Rd and Lighthouse Lodge Rd be conveyed to them as they are the present adjoining owner(s) of the land, and they have paid the $250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Three Lakes has been notified of this request and the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner(s), provided the Town of Three Lakes 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(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 any interest the County has in the description(s) noted below in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 10th day of September , 2024.

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

Resolution # 85 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to add a user fee with online credit card customers when using RecordEase online services with the Register of Deeds.

Resolution to add a user fee with online credit card customers when using RecordEase online services with the Register of Deeds.

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 Register of Deeds provides and online service and option to search and purchase documents through RecordEase for any customers that choose to use their credit card and navigate our land records system through RecordEase; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds uses Point & Pay to process these online transactions and charges our users a $2.00 flat fee when processing any payments for purchases up to $66.00, during that same online session; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds does not currently charge any additional user fees when customers use the online credit card option to access, search, preview images or purchase documents in RecordEase. The only fees we charge and retain are for purchased copies of

documents that are billed at $2.00 for the first page of any document and then $1.00 for each additional page thereafter, as per Wisconsin Statutes 59.43(2); and
WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds would like to implement a $5.00 flat fee, per user, per session in addition to the statutory copy fees when purchasing copies of documents when using RecordEase, which will also generate an additional $3.00 of revenue per user, per session; and
WHEREAS, when compared to other counties, the average credit card convenience fee is currently at $7.40 per county, per session, when customers choose to use these online land records systems in order to access and/or purchase copies of their documents; and
WHEREAS, by adding this $5.00 flat fee per user for this online service, it will be comparable to all other counties in the state when customers choose to use the service, it will help generate some additional revenue and it will help to account for the ongoing increase with software maintenance fees; and
WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds will need to work with the land records vendor, West Central Indexing and Point & Pay in order to implement this additional online user fee for the credit card customers; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the additional $5.00 user fee, as presented, be approved and that the County Board Chairman may execute said documents accordingly.

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

Resolution # 86 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to increase the Bulk Copy Agreement amount.
Resolution for the Register of Deeds to increase the Bulk Copy Agreement amount.
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 Register of Deeds, as per Wisconsin Statutes 59.43(2)(c), has entered into contracts and agreements to provide copies on daily recordings with the approval from the Oneida County Board; and
WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds has provided copies of daily documents in bulk to title companies and related businesses since 1981 with an initial resolution in 1981 and increases in 1989 and 2005 thereafter; and
WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds, based on a resolution from 2005, currently has an approved fee amount of $350.00 per month for any company that wishes to enter into an agreement with this office and receive copies of our daily documents; and
WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds currently has five (5) accounts under the Abstractor Fees line account that generates an annual revenue of $21,000 per year; and
WHEREAS, there are currently 53 other counties in the state that offer bulk images to similar customers with an average fee amount of $480.00 per month; and
WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds would like to increase this monthly fee amount from $350 per month to $500 per month to keep pace with neighboring counties for similar services and the ongoing increase with software maintenance fees; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the monthly fee charged to these companies will be increased to $500.00, be approved and that the County Board Chairman may execute said documents accordingly.

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

Resolution # 87 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee recommending denial of Rezone Petition # 04 – 2024 in the Town of Woodboro.

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 #04-2024 (copy attached), which was filed April 22, 2024, 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 7, 2024, 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 land from District #2 Single Family Residential to District #15 Rural Residential for properties described as being part of the SE SE, lying east of Woodboro Springs Road, Section 11, and the SW SW, Section 12, T36N, R7E, PINs WB-162-1 and WB-173, Town of Woodboro, Oneida County, Wisconsin.
And being duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected as follows:
WHEREAS, the property owners requested the rezone to allow the ability to have horses on the property and;
WHEREAS, the Town of Woodboro initially had no plans to take action based off the opposition of the Town's Plan Commission of the rezone petition (correspondence enclosed) and;
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 7, 2024, and two people spoke in opposition and the owner spoke in favor of the rezone. One letter in favor, three letters in opposition, and one petition in opposition with nine signature were received.
WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee made a motion to deny the rezone petition due to the Town of Woodboro's recommendation of denial, the proposed rezone was not supported in the Town of Woodboro's Comprehensive Plan, and the letters in opposition received and;
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. After receiving a formal notification from the Town of Woodboro that no further action would be taken, the committee felt they could not vote against the decision of the Town of Woodboro 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 increased livestock and quality of life decreasing associated with the rezone change request.
3. The Town of Woodboro 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 #04-2024.
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 #04-2024 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Woodboro Town Clerk.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Planning and Development Committee this 21st day of August, 2024.
Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Dan Hess, Mike Timmons, Mitch Ives, Bob Almekinder

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:

- Appoint Lenore Lopez to the Horsehead Lake District

Motion/Second: Jensen/Cushing to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Almekinder, Showalter, Ives, Holewinski
Motion: Adopted

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES
Resolution # 88 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to amend the 2024 Budget to add Jail Access Control Project to the Capital Improvement Plan.
Resolution to Amend the 2024 Budget to Add Jail Access Control Project to the Capital Improvement Plan.
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 Executive Committee of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has been advised by Oneida County Sheriff and Information Technology Systems Director that replacement of the Jail Access System in an urgent matter, and,
WHEREAS, the project is described as follows: The Jail Access System is currently running on outdated technology requiring manual intervention. As such, this is causing operating, safety, and compliance concerns. In order to ensure the safety of the county staff and inmates, prompt replacement of the system is necessary.
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee supports adding this project to the 2024 budget, and,
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 in the 2024 Capital Improvement Fund funded via General Fund Reserves Transfers are insufficient to cover this new project, and,
WHEREAS, an additional transfer of $569,184.00 from the General Fund is required to cover budget overage caused by this new project; and,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors approves an amendment to the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan and further authorizes a transfer from the General Fund Unrestricted Reserves of $569,184.00 as a supplemental appropriation.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 9th day of September, 2024.
Offered and passage moved by: Diana Harris, Robb Jensen, Billy Fried, Connor Showalter, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher

Discussion: Fried stated this project was brought to the Executive Committee and needs to be done quickly. Rhodes explained that the jail access control system allows for safe exits and entrances to the jail. Rhodes noted the hardware is over 20 years old and can no longer be found. Rhodes stated this has failed many times and this is a critical problem. Rhodes reported that they have found a vendor that can replace it, this is a safety issue for both the inmates and the staff. Hook stated this is something they need. Hook reported that people have gotten stuck and they need to be able to access those doors. Fried expressed concern that this expense is out of the blue and last minute. Rhodes noted that he does not feel this could have been anticipated. Rhodes explained that it is old and failing, it is a critical system that needs to work. Hook noted that they are housing people and they are required to keep them safe.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 88 – 2024: 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Almekinder, Showalter, Ives, Holewinski
Resolution # 88 – 2024: Adopted

Resolution # 89 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to appoint Mary Rideout as the Human Services Director.

Resolution to appoint the Human Services Director.
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County resolved to end participation in the Tri-County Human Service Center and create the Oneida County Human Services Department beginning January 1, 2025; and
WHEREAS, resolution #74-2024 created a Human Services Director position; and
WHEREAS, appointing the Human Service Director position will allow for the individual to participate in the hiring of the Deputy Human Services Director prior to January 1, 2025; and
WHEREAS, the Social Services Committee has reviewed this appointment and recommends such appointment to the Executive Committee; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed the appointment of the Human Services Director and recommends such appointment to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby confirm the appointment of Ms. Mary Rideout as the Human Services Director under the following conditions:

1. The effective date of the appointment shall be January 1, 2025, and
2. For compensation purposes, Ms. Mary Rideout shall be compensated as follows:
    a. Hire rate at Grade Level T, Step 11 of the Oneida County Exempt Wage Schedule
3. The position of Social Services Director will end December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that the 2025 fiscal impact will be included in the proposed 2025 Human Services Department budget as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 11th day of September, 2024.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Steven Schreier, Diana Harris, Robb Jensen, Russ Fisher

Discussion: Jensen gave some background and stated that typically the Committee of Jurisdiction would bring this forward. Jensen explained that the committee has not been created yet. Jensen noted that this was posted internally and there were no other internal applications. Jensen stated that this is a logical transition. Jensen explained that they are recommending the position be a grade level T at a step 11 and be effective as of January 1st.
Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 89 – 2024: 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Almekinder, Showalter, Ives, Holewinski
Resolution # 89 – 2024: Adopted

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME October 15th, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:
Vice-Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.