

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
MINUTES**

Committee members present: Chairman Billy Fried; Robb Jensen; Diana Harris; Steven Schreier
Absent: Scott Holewinski, Connor Showalter, Russ Fisher

Call to order: Chairman Fried called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve Agenda:

Motion/Second: Schreier/Harris to approve today's Amended Agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

Public comment: None

CIP Project review and approval: Fried questioned the Opioid grant. Smigielski stated that it was clarified that the Human Service Department was only looking for a commitment of Opioid Funds for the year 2026. Smigielski noted that this will be incorporated into the Opioid Settlement Fund that will be brought forward in October. Fried asked Smigielski to review the table that she created with funding sources and years listed. Smigielski gave the running total of projects that have been presented, noting that there were three removed. Smigielski reported that the total requests for General Fund Transfers at this time are \$21,758,470 for all three years. Smigielski reported that the General Fund Transfer requests for the 2026 year total just over \$5 Million. Smigielski stated that her recommendation is to try to keep the General Fund Transfers for the three years combined under \$15 Million. Fried stated we should go through the 2026 requests to determine what we are keeping and will move forward. Fried explained that these will be presented to the County Board as this Committee is not the final decision maker. Smigielski noted that General Fund Loans are an option for Highway and Solid Waste as they are enterprise funds. Smigielski reported that Solid Waste has a loan for equipment and Highway has a loan for a patrol vehicle, noting that the County charges interest for a loan. Fried explained that we are not looking to rank projects at this time, just whether we want to move them forward.

2026

- **ADRC Vehicle** - \$40,000 - Discussion regarding the need for an additional vehicle. The determination was to remove this from the 2026 request list. Discussion that there is over \$70,000 in a continuing appropriation account for vehicles.
- **FR Forestry Work Truck & Plow** - \$60,000/General Fund request \$15,000/Trade-in - Discussion regarding the cost and ability to reduce the purchase price. Fried questioned if there was a way to reduce the cost of the request. Assistant Buildings and Grounds Director Lindsey Kennedy stated that in the past they have made joint purchases. Fried stated that he wants to challenge the department to get what they need for less cost to the County, he is not questioning the need for the vehicle. Nemec noted this is not just a plow truck it is also a truck utilized by the Maintenance Technician.
- **FR JD Tractor Front End Loader** - \$55,000/General Fund \$15,000/Trade-in - Fried stated that he has no problem with this request.

- **FR Shingle Mill Road Rehab** - \$210,000 - Fried stated that it would be nice if we can afford it, to just get it completed all at once. Schreier explained that this should not be rated as a high priority if it is still usable. It was determined to leave as a request.
- **HWY Brush Head** - \$50,000
- **HWY Commish Truck** - \$55,000
- **HWY Ice Breaker** - \$50,000
- **HWY Semi Tractor** - \$75,000
- **HWY Tractor** - \$60,000
- **HWY Sand & Dam Boat Land** - \$50,000 - Hegeman reported that he did get a rough estimate this morning. Hegeman explained that we need to determine how urgent that we feel it is to repair the ramp. Schreier stated that it depends on what the DNRs viewpoint is. Hegeman explained that in doing the bridge project, the DNR wants the parking lot reconfigured due to the reduction in parking slots. Hegeman stated that the bridge project has been move back, but the ramp going into the water is in rough shape. Schreier noted that it was just recently determined that Oneida County owns this. Fried stated that there are a lot of unknowns at this time. Discussion regarding a potential loan so a grant can be applied for. The project was removed as a General Fund request.
- **HWY Shop Drain Upgrade** - \$675,000 - Discussion to delay this as a facility upgrade and move it to a 2027 request once more information is received.
- **HWY Electrical** - \$350,000 - It was determined to leave this as a 2026 request .
- **HWY Hwy Construction** - Fed/State - \$1,400,000/\$555,796/\$122,000 - Fried noted the request is less than prior years, this will remain as a 2026 request.
- **HWY Patrol Truck** - \$390,000/\$39,015 - Fried stated that he would like to get back to using the equipment account for these purchases. Hegeman stated that would be hard as there is already a \$1.2 Million dollar loan for past trucks. Jensen questioned how other counties pay for the patrol trucks based on the state reimbursal rate. Jensen noted that we do this at a loss. Hegeman explained that the current State Aid is not enough, that this is a service that we provide our citizens. Discussion regarding the state reimbursal rates. Fried noted the Highway Department is an enterprise fund and the patrol truck situation is not sustainable. Hegeman stated that there are only two ways of funding for these purchases and there is only so much revenue that can be brought in. Fried stated this should be placed as a General Fund loan.
- **SW Leachate PHAS** - \$48,000 - Department Fund Balance.
- **SW Fiber Cake Disposal** - \$250,000 - Fried explained that this is a two-year request. Fried noted that this should be removed as a request. Discussion that this should be brought back to committee as there are a lot of unknowns.
- **SW Sweepster Broom** - \$25,900 - Department Fund Balance.
- **SW Weight Scale** - \$183,000 - Department Fund Balance.
- **IT MS365 Migration** - \$364,000 - Fried noted this will remain on for 2026 CIP.
- **IT HSD Migration** - \$244,000 - Rhodes explained that we are trying to move the Human Service Center onto the same system as ours. Rhodes explained that the Human Service Center system is old technology and not compatible to our system. Rhodes explained that Beth and Heidi have to have 2 separate laptops to access both systems. Schreier noted that there are contracts and we have to provide services. Rhode noted that the phone system is also end of life. Fried stated that this will remain on the list for 2026.
- **IT New World** - \$425,000 - Rhodes stated that this should be a five year life but ours is at seven to eight at this time. Fried stated that this will remain on the list for 2026.
- **B&G LEC Cooling Tower** - \$124,970 - Kennedy presented the project, noting this project was originally funded in 2025 and the scope of the project changed. Discussion of the remaining \$115,060. Kennedy noted that they could not do the presented project with just the remaining

funding. Kennedy stated that the quote is \$175,000 with a life expectancy of about 15 years. Kennedy explained the breakout costs of the project. Discussion of removing the 10% contingency or reducing the request. Schreier stated this is a higher priority, there are other items that are a lower priority.

- **B&G Monico Generator** - \$35,200
- **B&G Plow Truck** - \$45,000/\$10,000/\$15,000 - Kennedy stated that there are a lot of problems with the current truck. Kennedy stated that they could lower the request to \$40,000 from the General Fund. Discussion regarding continuing appropriation accounts. Fried updated the request to \$40,000 and recommended to leave it on the 2026 CIP request list.
- **B&G Fire Panel Upgrades** - \$50,000 - Fried stated this is a project that is related to safety and should not be pushed off. Fried noted that this will remain on the 2026 CIP list.
- **B&G PH ADRC Roof** - \$78,000 - Fried questioned if this can be pushed off to 2027 as it is not leaking at this time. Jensen noted that why wait a year if we are doing it anyway. Jensen stated that if it is falling into disrepair and we can fund it, lets get it done. Kennedy noted that with the paint and roof it is about \$100,000. Fried noted that this will remain on the 2026 CIP list.
- **B&G PH ADRC Paint** - \$30,000 - Fried noted that this will remain on the 2026 CIP list.
- **B&G LEC Garage Floor** - \$180,000 - Kennedy stated that she will check with the contractor to see if it can be done in portions. Tracy Hartman County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator, questioned the need for the project. Kennedy stated that this would protect the life of the concrete with cracking and pitting and will reduce future damage. Kennedy stated that this was a request from the Sheriff's Office. Kennedy explained that a lot of requests come through other departments and we present them. Fried stated that he would like to lower the request to \$125,000 to see if there is additional funding somewhere. Discussion regarding splitting the project. Fried reported that this remains as a CIP for 2026 with the amount to remain at \$180,000.

Discussion: Smigielski noted that the ADRC and Public Health should be paying for rent and building depreciation that could be paid for through grants. Smigielski explained that we have been doing this for years with Social Services.

Break to 10:20 a.m.

Return from break 10:31 a.m.

Discussion: Smigielski gave an overview of the updates and modifications to the CIP plan.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to approve the 2026 Capital Improvement Projects in the amounts given and include as part of the 2026 budgeting process for review at the Budget Hearings. All "Aye"; Motion passes.

Discussion: Fried explained that the 2027 and 2028 CIP projects are on the agenda for Wednesday. Discussion regarding the plan for the Highway Department's future CIP's for the building. Discussion regarding the Space Needs Study and if the Public Works Committee would be in agreement to complete the study. Schreier noted we need to know the opinion of the Public Works Committee as soon as possible so as to alleviate future delays.

2027

- **FR Almond Park Restrooms** \$50,000
- **FR Forestry Work Truck** \$45,000/\$10,000 \$55,000
- **FR JD Boom Attachment** \$85,000

- **FR Rozell Road Rehab** \$125,000
- **HWY Fire Suppression** \$325,000
- **HWY Lighting Upgrade** \$525,000
- **HWY Sand & Dam Boat Land** \$50,000
- **HWY Second Floor Renov** \$200,000
- **HWY Security Cameras** \$150,000
- **HWY Wash Bay** \$2,160,000
- **HWY Tuck pointing** \$475,000
- **HWY Hwy Construction** - Fed/State \$1,500,000/\$396,000/\$216,000 \$2,112,000
- **HWY Patrol Truck** \$390,000
- **HWY STP Funding** - Fed/State \$150,000/\$594,000 \$744,000
- **HWY Pick Up Truck 1 Ton** \$65,000
- **HWY Track Baby Dump** \$110,000
- **HWY Furnace Upgrade** \$35,000
- **HWY O/V Exterior Door** \$105,000
- **HWY Paint Metal Beams** \$35,000
- **HWY Parking Lot Paving** \$625,000
- **HWY Roof & Chimney** \$50,000
- **HWY Shoulder Machine** \$100,000
- **HWY Window Replace** \$385,000
- **SW Fiber Cake Disposal** \$300,000
- **SW Blower Flare** \$60,000
- **SW 544K Wheel Loader** \$150,000
- **IT Network Infrastructure** \$180,000/\$100,000 \$280,000
- **B&G Fire Panel Upgrades** \$250,000
- **B&G Courthouse Parking** \$182,500/ \$10,000 \$192,500
- **B&G Courthouse Plaster** \$250,000
- **B&G Kubota** \$40,000/\$5,000 \$45,000
- **B&G LEC Exterior Doors** \$35,000
- **B&G LEC Parking** \$340,000/\$10,000 \$350,000
- **B&G LEC Freezer** \$77,000
- **B&G River St Parking** \$60,000/\$10,000 \$70,000
- **B&G Timber Dr Parking** \$100,000

2028

- **Forestry Shop Repairs** \$60,000
- **FR Rozell Road Rehab** \$125,000
- **FR Mini Excavator** \$55,000/\$15,000 \$70,000
- **HWY Hwy Construction** - Hwy Fund \$1,500,000/\$ 200,000 \$1,700,000
- **HWY Local Bridge** - Fed/State \$375,000/\$449,000/\$1,434,000 \$2,258,000
- **HWY Patrol Truck** \$390,000
- **HWY STP Funding** - Fed/State \$450,000/\$100,000/\$2,170,000 \$2,720,000
- **HWY Flagger Trucks** \$100,000
- **HWY Mastic Kettle** \$125,000
- **HWY Office Re-Shingle** \$40,000
- **HWY Repair Shop Renov** \$3,375,000/\$3,375,000
- **SW Demo Compactor** \$150,000

- **IT Network Infrastructure** \$180,000/\$100,000 \$280,000
- **B&G Fire Panel Upgrades** \$250,000
- **B&G ADRC Office Sound** \$100,000
- **B&G Courthouse Liebert** \$112,000
- **B&G HSD Reception Security** \$120,000
- **B&G Courthouse Elevator** \$50,000
- **B&G LEC Access Card** \$250,000
- **B&G LEC Plumbing** \$61,000
- **B&G LEC Modine Heaters** \$50,000
- **B&G Timer Dr Exam Rooms** \$75,000
- **B&G Timer Dr Security** \$100,000

Public Comment: None

Dates and items for future agenda/meetings: The next meeting was set for September 24th at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Fried adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

