

**ONEIDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOINT SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2024**

Social Services Committee Members present: Mr. Jim Winkler, Mr. Anthony Rio, Ms. Linnaea Newman,

Social Services Committee Members present via Zoom: Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. Robb Jensen

Public Safety Committee Members present: Mr. Steven Schreier

Public Safety Committee Members present via Zoom: Ms. Diana Harris, Mr. Russ Fisher

Public Safety Committee Members unexcused absence: Mr. Michael Timmons, Mr. Kristopher Hanus

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Jeri Driscoll

Others Present: Ms. Heidi Chavez, Ms. Brenda Lee, Mr. Mike Fugle, Ms. Kate Gardner, Mr. Marv Anderson, Vilas County Social Services Chair, Ms. Tamara Feest, Mr. Tyler Young, Mr. Joel Gottsacker

Other Present via Zoom: Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, Mr. Chad Lynch, D. Smith, Ms. Lisa Charbarneau

**1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:**

The joint meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee and Public Safety Committee was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Jim Winkler, Social Services Committee Chairperson and Mr. Steven Schreier, Public Safety Committee Chairperson. The Chairpersons noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

It was identified that the committees do have a quorum and there were not any announcements by the Committee Chairs.

**2. Approve Agenda for Today's Meeting, with the order of the items at the Chairs discretion:**

Motion made by Ted Cushing, seconded by Anthony Rio of the Social Services Committee to approve the Agenda for today's meeting with the order of the items at the Chairs discretion. All ayes; motion carried. Motion made by Ms. Diana Harris, second by Mr. Steven Schreier of the Public Safety Committee to approve the Agenda for today's meeting with the order of the items at the Chairs discretion. All ayes, motion carried.

**3. Public Comment:**  
None

**4. Presentation from Mr. Patrick Cork – Forest, Oneida & Vilas County Feasibility Study:**

Mr. Patrick Cork presented to the Committee the Feasibility Study as well as answered questions from the committee members. Copies of the Feasibility Study has been posted and distributed to the Committee Members.

**5. Resolution authorizing implementation planning for the reorganization of the Department of Community Programs and Social Services into a consolidated Department of Human Services, Effective January 1, 2025:** No additional cost

Motion by Mr. Robb Jensen, seconded by Mr. Ted Cushing of the Social Services Committee to approve and forward to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors the Resolution authorizing implementation planning for the reorganization of the Department of Community Programs and Social Services into a consolidated Department of Human Services, Effective January 1, 2025. Four ayes, and one abstain made by Linneau Newman. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Mr. Russ Fisher of the Public Safety Committee. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Russ Fisher, Yes; Ms. Diana Harris, Yes; Mr. Steven Schreier, Yes. Motion carried.

**6. Resolution to amend the 2024 Joint County Human Services Agreement:**

Motion by Mr. Jim Winkler, seconded by Mr. Anthony Rio of the Social Services Committee to approve the Resolution to amend the 2024 Joint County Human Service Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Anthony Rio, yes; Ms. Linnaea Newman, abstain; Mr. Robb Jensen, yes; Mr. Jim Winkler, yes; Mr. Ted Cushing, absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Russ Fisher, seconded by Ms. Diana Harris from the Public Safety Committee to approve the Resolution to amend the 2024 Joint County Human Services Agreement. Roll Call vote: Mr. Russ Fisher, yes; Ms. Diana Harris, yes; Mr. Steven Schreier, yes. All ayes; motion carried.

**7. Public Comment:**

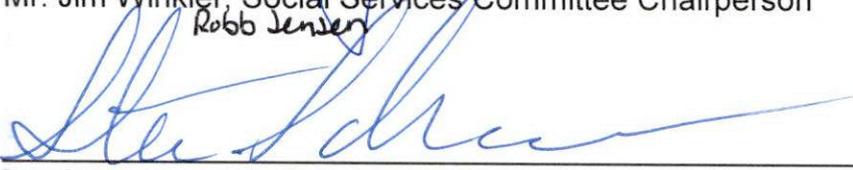
Ms. Kate Gardner, Director Social Services addressed the Committee. Ms. Gardner stated that she is the Director of Social Services in Vilas County and she was here with Marv Anderson, Chair of Vilas County Social Services Committee

and they are taking the same resolution to their County Board on March 26, 2024. Ms. Gardner also stated that she was happy to be a part of this.

**8. Adjourn:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Committees, it was moved by Mr. Jim Winkler, Social Services Committee Chairperson and Mr. Steven Schreier, Public Safety Chairperson to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

  
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Mr. Jim Winkler, Social Services Committee Chairperson  
Robb Jensen

  
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Mr. Steven Schreier, Public Safety Chairperson

Date: March 14, 2024