

AGENDA
Notice of Regular Meeting
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse
Streaming: <https://www.youtube.com/@oneidacountyboardwi/streams>
Streaming is being offered as a convenience to view this meeting. Remote participation is not allowed
If streaming functionality drops, the meeting will continue in-person at the location listed above.

1. CALL TO ORDER

There will be a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers and emergency responders followed by a prayer/invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

3. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

4. EXPLANATION OF THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS FOR COUNTY BOARD CHAIR, 1ST AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

5. ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

6. ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD 1ST VICE-CHAIR

7. ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD 2ND VICE-CHAIR

8. ELECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Sign attendance form at the podium
- Please use a microphone when speaking
- The County Board Chair will be making the committee assignments. You will be notified of your committee assignments by the County Clerk, please watch your email.
- Reminder to notify the County Clerk 48 hours in advance of attendance of any committee meeting that you are not a member.
- WCA welcome packet
 - County Officials Workshop – May 22nd in Rhinelander
- Supervisor Orientation on May 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

10. ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING

11. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Broadband Report
- Register of Deeds Annual Report
- Land Information Annual Report
- Health Department Annual Report

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes)

- Sign attendance form at the podium

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 26 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed and Other County Real Estate.

Resolution # 27 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the ADRC Committee to Support Sustainable Transportation Funding in the State of Wisconsin.

Resolution # 28 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize 2025 Budget Transfers.

Resolution # 29 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Create Two Full-Time Behavioral Health Therapist Positions in the Human Services Department.

Resolution # 30 – 2026: 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 in an amount not to exceed \$43,980 for Oneida County's Share of Costs to Onboarding Two (2) Behavioral Health Therapist Positions.

14. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

Resolution # 31 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to Elect Benjamin Rich as the Highway Commissioner.

Resolution # 32 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 02 – 2026: Offered by Supervisor Billy Fried to Create a Solid Waste Committee.

15. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME** May 19th, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

16. **ADJOURN**

****NOTICE**:** If you wish to reserve your public comment until such time as the agenda item is before the Board for debate, pursuant to County Board Ordinance 2.06(2) you must convey your request to your supervisor, setting forth the nature of the address which shall be confined to the question under debate. The supervisor on the nonmember's behalf will present the request to the Chair to approve the request."

Notice of posting

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: 04/16/2026

Place: Courthouse Bulletin Board

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair, Oneida County Board of Supervisors – Tracy Hartman, County Clerk, posted notice. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-6125.

News Media Notified by group e-mail: Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: 04/16/2026

Northwood's River News
Lakeland Times
North Star Journal
Tomahawk Leader

Vilas News Review
WHDG Radio
WJFW TV
WXPR Radio

WRJO Radio
WLSL-FM 93.7
WPEG Radio
WSAW TV

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good-cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED

SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g)
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT

CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.
5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
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CALL TO ORDER:

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: Robert Briggs, Debbie Condado, Dan Hess, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez, Steven Schreier, Greg Oettinger, Russ Fisher, Connor Showalter, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Mitch Ives, Wayne Kulhanek, Robb Jensen, Michael Tautges, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, and Linnaea Newman.

Absent: Timmons, Holewinski, Hanus

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE February 17, 2026 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Showalter/Cushing to accept the Minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes)

- Sign attendance form at the podium.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 21 – 2026 / Rezone Petition # 10 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #02 Single Family Residential to District #07 Business B-2 for PINs WR-97-3 and WR-97-5 in the Town of Woodruff.

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 #10-2025 (copy attached), which was filed July 25, 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 September 3, 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 # 02 Single Family Residential to District # 07 Business B-2 on property described as Lots 1 & 2, CSM 5837, Section 7, T39N, R7E, PINs WR-97-3 and WR-97-5, Town of Woodruff.

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

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the rezone to build a storage unit for golf kart storage; and

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

WHEREAS, On September 4, 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 0

public comments received, 1 person 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.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #10-2025:

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 #10-2025 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 #02 Single Family Residential to District #07 Business B-2 on property described as follows:

Lots 1 & 2, CSM 5837, Section 7, T39N, R7E, PINs WR-97-3 and WR-97-5, Town of Woodruff. The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #10-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Woodruff Town Clerk.

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

Resolution # 22 – 2026 / Rezone Petition # 03 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Rezone Land from District #02 Single Family Residential to District #07 Business B-2 for PIN WR-97-13 in the Town of Woodruff.

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 #03-2025 (copy attached), which was filed April 10, 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 June 25, 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 #02 Single Family Residential to District #07 Business B-2 on property described as Lot 1, CSM 5837, Section 7, T39N, R7E, PIN WR-97-13, Town of Woodruff.

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

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting the rezone to build a storage unit for golf kart storage; and

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

WHEREAS, On June 25, 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 0 public

comments received, 1 person 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.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Petition #03-2025:

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 #03-2025 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 #02 Single Family Residential to District #07 Business B-2 on property described as follows:

Lot 1, CSM 5837, Section 7, T39N, R7E, PIN WR-97-13, Town of Woodruff.

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Rezone Petition #03-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Woodruff Town Clerk.

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

Resolution # 23 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 01 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to amend Chapter 14 – Forestry and Outdoor Recreation and Chapter 25 – Construction and Effect of Ordinances of the General Code of Oneida County.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee

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

WHEREAS, upon updating Forestry Department policies, it was determined that numerous sections of Chapter 14 and Chapter 25 of the Oneida County Code were in need of revision and updating; and **WHEREAS**, Chapter 14 and Chapter 25 of the Oneida County Code have been modified to reflect these needed changes; and

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. Chapter 14 and Chapter 25 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, are amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

Article I General Provisions

§ 14.01 Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.

(1) Appointment. The County Board hereby assigns administration of the County Forestry Department to the Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee of the County Board.

(2) Definitions.

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) – A vehicle as defined in § 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats.

BOARD – The Oneida County Board of Supervisors.

CAMPING – The use of any shelter such as a tent, trailer, or motor vehicle for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

CLOSED ROAD OR TRAIL – A road or trail will be considered closed when designated as such by the presence of gates, signs, rocks, or earthen berms.

COMMITTEE – The Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Outdoor Recreation Committee of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors.

COUNTY – Oneida County.

COUNTY FOREST – Those lands owned by Oneida County and entered under the County Forest Law § 28:11, Wis. Stats., either as Forest Lands or as Special Use Designation Lands.

COUNTY FOREST ROAD SYSTEM – That system on which Oneida County receives State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation road aids and are indicated as County Forest roads in the County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan.

COUNTY FOREST FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAN – The Oneida County Forest Fifteen-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

DEPARTMENT – The Oneida County Forestry Department.

DIRECTOR – The Oneida County Forest Director.

D.N.R. – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

ELECTRONIC BICYCLE (E-BIKE) – A bicycle as defined in § 340.01(15ph), Wis.Stats.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE - An engine powered device designed for transporting people or materials, including but not limited to, automobiles, snowmobiles, trucks, motorcycles, all terrain or utility terrain vehicles, mini-bikes, e-bikes, go-carts, dune buggies, air-boats, air-cushioned craft, golf carts, and heavy equipment both wheeled and tracked.

UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV) – A vehicle as defined in § 23.33(ng), Wis. Stats.

(3) Powers and Duties. Subject to budget limitations, the Committee is responsible for the activities and functions required of it in the administration of the County forest and County recreation areas as provided in this General Code and in accordance with the County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan.

(a) An annual work plan will be prepared along with the Department's annual budget for approval through the County Board's budget process. The work plan and budget shall serve as a directive to the Committee and shall establish the limits as well as the purpose for which expenditures may be made. It shall also be in conformity with the long range goals set forth in the County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan.

(b) The Committee shall direct and supervise the Department. It shall employ a Director as its agent in the management and regulation of the County Forest and the County recreational facilities as set forth in County Code § 1.02 (2)(d). It shall employ such additional competent personnel as the Board may authorize to direct, perform and enforce the administrative and management functions of this chapter.

(c) The Committee shall establish and maintain a forest headquarters for office space and the housing of machinery, tools, equipment and supplies needed in conducting forestry operations.

(d) In conformity with such procedures established by the Committee or County Board rules, the Committee may purchase, acquire, sell, trade or dispose of instruments, tools and equipment required for the operation of the Department.

(e) The Committee may negotiate for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of inclusion into the County Forest or for recreation purposes. This may be done by purchase, gift, exchange, or bequest

and such acquisitions shall be presented to the County Board for its ratification before it may be consummated.

(f) With Board approval and after obtaining Department of Natural Resources approval, the Committee may grant permits to prospect for ore or minerals upon County lands under the jurisdiction of this Committee. The Committee may issue permits to remove sand, gravel, or other nonmetallic materials from County lands only to units of government or to contractors if those contractors are using the materials for public works. The County Board retains the power to grant permits for metallic mining operations on County lands.

(g) The Committee shall prepare and present an annual report of the Department's activities to the County Board. The report shall include statistics showing work accomplished and at what cost. Such reports shall be in sufficient detail so that performance of the Department may be measured.

(4) Administration of the Forest.

(a) The Committee shall do all things possible for the protection of the forests, whether from fire, insects, disease, trespass, damage by animals or other causes, in cooperation with the D.N.R.

(b) The Committee shall be responsible for the location of survey lines and the appropriate monumentation of corners of County forest lands.

(c) The Committee shall construct, improve and maintain a system of forest roads, trails and firebreaks and purchase and secure easements for access ways required to cross privately owned lands.

(d) The Committee shall conduct forest improvement work, including thinning, pruning, reforestation, and tree release by either mechanical or chemical means.

(e) The Committee shall cooperate with the D.N.R. in the determination of the allowable annual cut by establishment of cutting compartments and other necessary items for such plan.

(f) The Committee shall manage the County forest resource and sell timber stumpage in accordance with a County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan and in cooperation with the D.N.R.

(5) Administration of Outdoor Recreation.

(a) The Committee shall have the management and regulatory control of all County recreation areas and, in the exercise of its authority over such matters, it shall have the powers and duties enumerated in this subsection.

(b) Subject to budget limitations and in accordance with the Outdoor Recreation Plan approved by the Board and provisions of this chapter, the Committee shall establish, construct and maintain, wherever the County deems desirable within the forest and on County Forest Special Use Lands, recreation areas, including but not limited to, picnic grounds, designated campgrounds, waysides, public access roads and boat landings, scenic areas, and trail networks, and shall designate, mark and preserve places of natural or historic interest and significance. Management and regulatory control of all County recreation areas is specifically designated to this Committee.

(c) In cooperation with the D.N.R., the Committee shall do all things necessary for the protection of the County recreation areas, boat landings and special use areas, whether from fire, insects, disease, trespass, vandalism, damage by animals or other causes.

(d) The Committee shall cooperate with the D.N.R. on matters relating to game and fish management within the County forests.

(e) The Committee is authorized to enter into agreements with the D.N.R. for projects under Fish and Game Aids (§ 23.09(12)), Wildlife Habitat Aids (§ 23.07(17)), Snowmobile Trail funding programs, and ATV/UTV Trail Programs and Recreational Trail Program Grants (Ch. 350), and any other applicable Wisconsin Statutes.

Article II County Forests

§ 14.05 County Forest Law.

(1) Entry of lands under the County Forest Crop Law will be done according to the procedures laid out in the Fifteen-Year County Forest Land Use Plan.

(2) No lands entered as County forest land shall be sold unless recommended by the Committee and subsequently authorized by resolution of the County Board. Notice of withdrawal of lands entered under the County Forest Law shall be filed with the D.N.R. pursuant to § 28.11(11), Wis. Stats., or any amendment thereto and as laid out in the County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan.

§ 14.06 Forest Finances.

(1) State Allotments. All allotments from the D.N.R to the County under § 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats., or any amendment thereto, for the purchase, development, preservation, management, and maintenance of the County forest lands shall be deposited in the State forestry aid fund. If any lands purchased from such funds are sold, the County shall restore the purchase price to the State forestry aid fund. All unexpended State forestry aid funds shall be nonlapsing.

(2) General Fund. All monies received from the sale of timber stumpage, cut forest products, fees and use permits, sale of building materials, sale of surplus materials and equipment, fire and other damage collections, forfeited timber sale deposits or other revenue received by the Committee shall be deposited in the County General Fund, except income specified as follows:

(a) Of the stumpage money received, the amount as set forth in § 28.11(9), Wis. Stats., will be placed in Oneida County State Severance Payment Account for payment to the State. Money will be placed in Oneida County Town Severance Payment Account in the amount as set forth in § 28.11(9)(d), Wis. Stats., for payment to the towns.

(b) Payments received from mineral lease activities will be placed in the Mineral Revenue Account.

§ 14.07 Forest Use Regulations.

(1) Timber Cutting.

(a) Commercial Cutting. Commercial cuttings shall be set up as timber sales with cooperation of the D.N.R and in compliance with provisions of § 28.11(6), Wis. Stats.

1. Terms governing these timber sales will be stated in written contracts between the County, with the Committee as its agent, and the contractor.

2. In timber sales where the "lock box-haul permit system" is designated in the contract, the transportation of wood or wood products past a lock box without depositing in the lock box the proper documentation in the proper manner, as designated in the timber sale contract, is prohibited.

3. Miscellaneous Forest Products. Treaty Rights Participants.

a. Any treaty rights participant interested in gathering firewood as defined on the County's permit, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, boughs, marsh hay or berries not enumerated in County ordinances, from County land shall obtain a County gathering permit from the Department's Courthouse Office. The County shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than 14 days after receipt of the request. The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of material to be gathered and conditions on the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of the timber and miscellaneous forest products on the County land or for public health or safety.

b. The County may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on County property under this subparagraph unless the gathering is inconsistent with the management plan for that property; the gathering will conflict with the pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct an activity on the property, including a contractor of the County; or is otherwise inconsistent with conservation or public health or safety.

(b) Noncommercial Cutting.

1. Noncommercial wood such as dead or naturally fallen trees or logging residue from completed timber sales may be made available to the public under a fuel wood permit system.

2. The cutting and/or removal of trees or wood products including, but not limited to, branches, tree tops, logging residue, firewood, Christmas trees, pulpwood, boltwood or sawlogs from County-owned land is prohibited unless the person doing the cutting or removal is the holder of a valid ~~written~~ permit that has been issued by the Department, except registered campers may collect dead and down woody material for use as firewood during their registered stay.

3. The cutting and/or removal of trees or wood products including but not limited to firewood, Christmas trees, pulpwood, boltwood or sawlogs while holding a valid ~~written~~ permit but in violation of any term of that permit is prohibited.

4. The cutting of merchantable trees or the seedlings and saplings of merchantable trees to create shooting lanes is prohibited.

(c) Defacement of County Property Prohibited. No person shall scar, deface, remove or destroy any archaeological or geological features, drive nails, screws or other metal into trees or remove, destroy or deface any signs, gates, fences, survey markers, buildings or other County property.

(d) Collection of Materials Prohibited. Collection or removal of materials, such as but not limited to, driftwood, wild flowers, ground pines, or mosses is prohibited unless prior authorization has been granted by the Department. Conifer cones may be collected for resale to nurseries for reforestation purposes with prior approval from the Department.

(e) Cutting or Tapping Trees Prohibited. Cutting or removal of Christmas trees without a permit or the tapping of trees for sap collection is prohibited except as allowed under § 14.07(1)(a)3 of this Code.

(f) Removal of Materials Prohibited. Removal of materials such as rocks, sand, gravel, topsoil, or clay from the County forest, except as provided in § 14.01(2)(f) of this Code is prohibited.

(g) Balsam boughs may be collected upon purchasing a permit from the County Forest Office.

(h) Christmas Trees may be harvested upon purchasing a permit from the County Forest Office.

(i) No person may cut, root up, or gather wild ginseng located on County forest land.

(2) General Use.

(a) No overnight camping including tents, trailers, cars, trucks, portable hunting or fishing cabins is permitted in developed recreation areas. They are to be considered day use facilities. Except as follows:

1. Temporary residence of logging crews.

2. Camping at recreational areas for special organized events may be permitted by action of the Committee.

(b) All motorized vehicles are prohibited from traversing any forest road or trail which has been designated as closed (e.g. gated, rocked, bermed, signed), except those vehicles which are authorized by the Department.

(c) Any damage to, manipulation of, or attempt to circumvent, a gate, sign, rocks, or earthen berm is prohibited.

(d) All motorized vehicles, except those which are authorized by the Department, are prohibited from traveling off-road, off-trail, or cross-country in the County forest and must remain on roads or trails open to them.

(e) The dumping of litter, rubbish, debris, dirt, stone, lawn clippings, or brush or any other materials shall be prohibited on all County forest lands. All forest users, including berry pickers, hunters, fishermen, loggers, and all others who visit or work in County forests are forbidden to leave litter anywhere in the forest or in its lakes or streams. No posting of unauthorized signs, handbills, markers, marking material or advertising matter will be permitted.

(f) Except as allowed under § 14.13(21) and § 14.13(22), storage of personal property, including but not limited to boats, vehicles, and recreational equipment, is prohibited on all County Forest lands unless prior authorization has been granted by the Department. Unauthorized personal property left on County Forest lands beyond 7 days will be considered abandoned and may be confiscated by the Department. Confiscated items will be held by the Department for 6 months before disposing.

§ 14.08 Designation of County Forests.

(1) For the purpose of proper and complete identification, all County owned forest lands now held and entered under the State County Forest Law by the County or hereafter acquired for forestry purposes and located within the existing County forest boundaries, are established and designated as County forests, and such lands shall be shown on the official County forest map on file in the County Forestry office in the Courthouse in Rhinelander, and according to the records in the office of the Register of Deeds.

(2) It is the intent of the County Board to consolidate County forest holdings as lands are acquired by the County within the above mentioned boundaries.

Article III Outdoor Recreation

§ 14.10 Definitions.

Unless the context specifically indicated otherwise, the meaning of the terms used in this subchapter shall be as follows:

(1) **RECREATION AREAS** — All lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the County or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and designated by signage or, as a matter of record, as a distinct unit for special recreational functions to include swimming areas, picnicking areas, fishing areas, nature study areas, campgrounds and general recreation areas. The following are designated as County recreation areas:

- (a) Almon Park.
- (b) Townline Park.
- (c) Perch Lake Park.
- (d) Enterprise Forest Campground.
- (e) Gillette/Wickham Recreation Area

(2) **BOAT LANDING AND PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS** — All lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the County or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee which are signed and developed for water access purposes. The following areas are designated as County boat landings:

- (a) Bass Lake Boat Landing.
- (b) Wisconsin River Boat Landing.
- (c) Flannery Lake Boat Landing.
- (d) Perch Lake Boat Landing.
- (e) Tom Doyle Boat Landing.
- (f) Highway O Boat Landing.
- (g) Townline Park Boat Landing.

(3) **SPECIAL USE AREAS** — All lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee in order to develop or maintain singular characteristic or purpose. Designated Oneida County special use areas are:

- (a) Goble Lake Scientific Area.
- (b) Spruce Lake Waterfowl Management Area.
- (c) Memorial Forest.
- (d) Highway O Fishing Bridge.

(4) **SILENT SPORTS TRAIL FACILITIES** — All lands heretofore and hereafter acquired by the County and developed into non-motorized trail systems which are signed, groomed, or otherwise maintained for any of the following activities: hiking, biking, snow-shoeing, or cross country skiing. Those designated silent sports trail facilities are listed as follows:

- (a) Enterprise Winter Silent Sports Trail.
- (b) Washburn Silent Sports Trail System.
- (c) Cassian Two-Way Ski/Bike Trail.
- (d) Nose Lake Ski/Bike Trail.
- (e) Almon Park Trails (for summer hiking and winter snowshoeing only).
 1. Wetland Trail.
 2. Upland Trail.

(5) **PET** — A domesticated dog or cat.

(6) **SILENT SPORTS TRAILS** — Trails formally designated and maintained for one or more of the following activities: hiking, biking, skiing, or snowshoeing.

§ 14.11 Scope.

Except when otherwise provided, the provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County, and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

§ 14.12 Promulgation of Rules.

(1) The Committee may from time to time prescribe rules and regulations for the further use and enjoyment of recreation areas, boat landings, special use areas, playgrounds, beaches, streams, lakes

and the facilities thereof. Any person who violates such rules or regulations, or who refuses to subject himself thereto, may be excluded from the use of such facilities and be subject to the penalty provided in § 14.20, Wis. Stats.

(2) Nothing in this Code shall prohibit or hinder the Committee, its administrator, supervisors, recreation area caretakers, other authorized agents or any peace officer from performing his official duties.

§ 14.13 Rules and Regulations.

(1) Closing Hours. No person shall enter or be in any designated County recreation area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No overnight camping shall be allowed at any designated County recreation area, boat landing, or special use area. County campgrounds are exempt from closing hour regulations. Regulations pertaining to designated campground use are listed in § 14.18 of this code. Persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour.

(2) Recreation Area Infrastructure Maintenance Schedule. All County recreation areas are open year-round for public use. However, infrastructure of some County recreation areas are only seasonally maintained, resulting in access roads, parking lots, and toilet buildings to be unplowed, gated, or locked during specific dates. The infrastructure maintenance schedule for County recreation areas is follows:

(a) Almon Park:

1. Toilet buildings are seasonally maintained and remain open for public use between the dates of May 15th and October 31st.

2. Access road and parking lots are seasonally maintained and open to public use between the dates of May 15th and November 15th.

(b) Townline Park:

1. Access road and parking lots are seasonally maintained and open to public use between the dates of April 30 and November 15.

(c) Perch Lake Park. All park infrastructure is open and maintained year-round for public use.

(d) Enterprise Forest Campground. All campground infrastructure is seasonally maintained and open to public use between the dates of approximately May 22 15 (or when conditions warrant as determined by the Department) and December 2.

(3) Personal Conduct and Nuisances. No person shall indulge in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance, or to be so intoxicated that he is unable to care for his own safety on any County owned property.

(4) Destruction of Personal Property. No person shall destroy, disturb, molest or remove the property or personal effects of others.

(5) Unnecessary Noises. No person shall operate sound trucks, loudspeakers, motors, motorboats, motor vehicles or any other mechanical devices that produce unduly loud or unnecessary noises.

(6) Destruction, Defacement or Removal. Except for the picking of edible fruits or nuts, berries and mushrooms for noncommercial purposes, the following are prohibited unless prior approval has been granted by the Department:

(a) Disturbing, molesting, defacing, removing or destroying any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth.

(b) Carving on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, picnic tables, signs, walls or structures.

(c) Driving nails, placing screws, or other metal in trees.

(d) Removing, damaging or defacing in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other County property.

(7) Entry and Manipulation. No person shall:

(a) Enter any building, installation or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use.

(b) Molest or manipulate any water control structure, dam or culvert.

(c) Enter or be in any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time, or contrary to posted notice, in any recreation area or special use area, unless specifically

authorized to do so by the Forest Director or Forestry, Land, and Recreation Committee.

(8) Cleaning Restricted. No person shall wash themselves, cars, pets, cooking utensils or clothing in any lake or stream or on any picnic grounds, playgrounds, recreation areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain or drinking water outlet in any County recreation area.

(9) Disposal of Refuse. No person shall dispose of any litter, garbage, sewage, bottles, tin cans, cigarette butts, paper or any other waste material by dumping such refuse in any County recreation area, boat landing, special use area, or forest land, except by placing said refuse in receptacles provided for such purposes. Charcoal residue in any grill, fire-ring, or fireplace shall be left in its place of origin until completely extinguished and cold. Waste and recyclable receptacles provided in Oneida County recreational facilities are only for refuse and recyclables generated by individuals while recreating in said facilities. No waste or recyclable materials may be brought into an Oneida County recreational facility for the purpose of disposing of said material in the waste and recyclable receptacles.

(10) Glass Prohibited. No glass containers are allowed in any County recreation area.

(11) Vehicles and Boat Restrictions.

(a) Excessive Speed Prohibited. No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 10 mph or contrary to official traffic signs in any County recreation area.

(b) Reckless Driving Prohibited. No person shall operate any vehicle in a reckless manner or contrary to § 346.62, Wis. Stats., in any recreation area.

(c) Operation Restricted. No person shall operate or park any motorized vehicle, except as otherwise provided in any County recreation area, boat landing and public access area, special use area, ski trail area or upon any hiking trail, other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps, and service areas, or contrary to posted notice.

(d) Use of Motor Boats Restricted. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Pelican, no person shall operate any motor-driven boat in waters of Buck Lake; nor shall any person operate any motor-driven boat in waters of Perch Lake by order of the Town Board of the Town of Woodboro.

(e) Parking Restricted. No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction, or watercraft without prior authorization:

1. Blocking, obstructing, or limiting the use of any road, trail, gate, parking lot, boat landing, or waterway.

2. Outside any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use areas so provided.

3. Contrary to posted notice.

4. In any recreation area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except as follows:

a. Vehicles of registered campers may be parked in campgrounds owned by Oneida County at any hour. Specific regulations pertaining to campground parking are listed in § 14.18(4)(f) of this Code.

b. Vehicles used to transport watercraft to and from the boat landing at Townline Park may be parked at said boat landing at any hour.

(12) Fires. No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire except for cooking, heating, or when camping, and then only in designated fireplaces, fire-rings, or grills in any County recreation area, boat landing and public access area. Further, no person shall leave any fire unattended at designated fireplaces, fire-rings, or grills or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or any embers without extinguishing them, and then only in the proper receptacle.

(13) Fireworks, Rockets, Explosive Devices. No person shall possess, fire, discharge, explode, or set off a pyrotechnic device, firecracker, fireworks or other explosive material on any County forest lands, boat landings, recreational areas and special use areas, except exhibitions of fire works given under the direction or by the permission of the Committee or its authorized agent.

(14) Firearms. No person shall possess or have under their control any firearm, airgun, bow, crossbow, slingshot or dangerous weapon as defined in § 939.22, Wis. Stats., unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, in any County recreation area. Firearms, bows, and crossbows used for the purpose of participating in a State hunting season with a valid State hunting license are authorized at boat landings, public access areas, special use areas, silent sports trails located outside County recreation areas, and other County forest lands. See § 14.18 of this Code for regulations related

to hunting and trapping in County owned campgrounds.

(15) Pet Regulations for Recreation Areas. No person shall allow pets to enter any public building, swimming beach, picnic area, playground, or concrete pad surrounding a water pump within any County recreation area. Pets are allowed in all other areas of County recreation facilities, provided they are leashed and under the owner's control at all times. No person shall allow their pet to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any County recreation area by others. Regulations pertaining to pets on formally designated Silent Sports Trails are listed under § 14.13(240)(g). Regulations pertaining to pets at designated campgrounds are listed under § 14.18(4)(c).

(16) Horses. No person shall ride a horse on any formally designated silent sports trails or have a horse in any County recreation area. Organized events or commercial rides will require Committee approval as set forth in 525.5 of the current County Forest Fifteen-Year Plan.

(17) Bicycles. No person shall ride a bicycle in any County recreation area except on asphalt roads or parking areas, unless signed or formally designated otherwise.

(18) Athletics. No person shall play or practice any outdoor sport or other games in a manner that could injure, disturb, or inconvenience others.

(19) Beaches.

(a) No person shall sunbathe or swim at any County recreation area or beach without wearing a swimsuit or other appropriate attire. The object of this subsection is to prevent nudity.

(b) Changing Clothing. No person shall change clothes, except in beach houses or other enclosed places.

(20) Silent Sports Trail Facilities.

(a) No motorized vehicles are allowed on silent sports trails except those being used for inspection, maintenance, or as authorized by the Forestry Department. Class 1 and Class 3 E-Bikes are also permitted on designated silent sports trails except where signed or posted.

(b) No walking, snowshoeing, bicycling, sledding, or mode of travel other than that of skiing is allowed on trails designated and periodically groomed for cross-country skiing during periods when said trails are snow covered. The following silent sports trails are included in this category:

1. That portion of the Washburn Silent Sports Trail System groomed for skiing.
2. Cassian Two-Way Ski/Bike Trail.
3. Nose Lake Ski/Bike Trail.

(c) Ski trails can be crossed by other County approved recreational trails under the following conditions:

1. Trail intersections must be formally approved by the Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Recreation Department and designated as such with signs.
2. Alternative use recreational trails can only bisect ski trails in the most direct manner possible. Trail crossings must be at or close to a 90° angle.

(d) The following activities are allowed on the Enterprise Winter Silent Sports Trail, when said trail is frozen, snow-covered, and periodically groomed for bicycling.

1. Cross country skiing.
2. Snowshoeing.
3. Bicycling, including Class 1 or Class 3 E-Bikes.

(e) Use of trails in a manner or direction contrary to posted signs is prohibited.

(f) A nontransferable valid trail pass is required by individuals 18 years of age and older to bike, ski, or snowshoe on trails designated, signed, and otherwise maintained specifically for said activities.

1. Annual Trail Passes are available for a cost to be set by the Committee. Annual Trail Passes are valid for a one-year period from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year.
2. Daily Trail Passes are available for a cost to be set by the Committee. Daily Trail Passes are only valid for the date that is entered on the registration form.
3. Trail users must have a valid trail pass in their possession while biking, skiing or snowshoeing on designated trails.
4. Trail Passes become valid upon a (completed registration form and appropriate user fee) being submitted to the Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Outdoor Recreation Department in any one of the

following acceptable methods:

- a. Depositing the completed registration form and appropriate user fee into an Oneida County self-registration drop box. A self-registration drop box is located at the entrance of each formally designated non-motorized trail facility that requires a trail pass for designated uses.
- b. Depositing the completed registration form and appropriate user fee into any U.S. Post Office mail receptacle.
- c. Submitting the completed registration form and appropriate user fee to an attendee at any government office or business location listed on the trail pass registration form.
- d. Completing a registration form via an Oneida County-approved online registration system.

(g) Pet regulations for Silent Sports Trails:

1. When silent sports trails are located within the boundary of a formally designated County recreation area, pet regulations for County recreation areas supersede those for Silent Sports Trails. The following silent sports trails, or segments thereof, must follow pet regulations for County recreation facilities listed under § 14.13(15):

- a. That portion of the Washburn Silent Sports Trail located within the boundary of Perch Lake Park.
- b. The Upland Trail located within the boundary of Almon Park.
- c. The Wetland Trail located within the boundary of Almon Park.

2. Pets are permitted on all silent sports trails when said trails are not snow covered, provided that said pets are under the owner's control or leashed.

3. Winter Ski Trail Pet Regulations. The following regulations are enforced when ski trails are snow covered or being periodically groomed for cross-country skiing:

a. Pets are not allowed on the following ski trails: that portion of the Washburn Silent Sports Trail System maintained for skiing, and that part of the Cassian Two-Way Ski/Bike Trail lying south of the point where the trail intersects Sheep Ranch Road.

b. Pets are allowed on the following ski trails: Enterprise Winter Silent Sports Trail, that part of the Cassian Two-Way Trail lying north of the point where the trail intersects Sheep Ranch Road, and the Nose Lake Ski/Bike Trail.

4. Snowshoe Trail Pet Regulations. The following regulations are enforced when snowshoe trails are snow covered:

a. Pets are not allowed on that portion of the Washburn Silent Sports Trail System maintained for snowshoeing.

b. Pets are allowed on the following snowshoe trails: Enterprise Winter Sports Trail, Almon Park Wetland Trail, and the Almon Park Upland Trail.

(21) Elevated Platforms and Portable Tree Stands.

(a) The construction or use of any permanently elevated platform, commonly referred to as a permanent tree stand, on Oneida County Forest land is prohibited.

(b) Screws, nails, lag screws, screw steps, spikes, or other similar devices are damaging to trees, therefore they are prohibited for use in trees on Oneida County Forest land.

(c) Portable tree stands may be used on Oneida County Forest land providing that they do not damage trees, and they have the owner's name, address, and telephone number clearly printed on or attached to the stand. Portable tree stands can be placed on Oneida County Forest land not more than one week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season, and must be completely removed no later than one week after the closing date of Wisconsin's last deer season the following year.

(d) Elevated platforms and portable tree stands found in violation of 14.13(21) of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin will be removed by forestry department employees, destroyed, or sold at County auction. A person found in violation of any portion of the aforementioned ordinance is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.

(22) Ground Blinds. A ground blind means a structure, enclosure, or any material, natural or manufactured, placed on the ground to assist in concealing or disguising the user or occupant for the purpose of taking game. The following types of ground blinds are legal on Oneida County Forest land:

(a) Dead Natural Material Ground Blind. These blinds must be completely made of materials natural

to the area such as dead leaves, branches, bark, or naturally fallen trees. Screws, nails, lag screws, screw steps, metal spikes, wire, nylon rope, or other nonbiodegradable materials may not be used to fasten materials together or to trees.

(b) Portable Manufactured or Portable Constructed Ground Blind. These blinds must be clearly portable and be completely removed from the Oneida County Forest at the end of each day's hunt unless they have the owner's name, address, and telephone number clearly printed on or attached to the blind. Fasteners, if used to attach or anchor the blind, cannot damage any living trees or penetrate the cambium of a living tree and must be completely removed with the blind at the end of each day's hunt. ~~Owner identification is not required on this type of blind.~~

(c) Seasonal Manufactured or Seasonal Constructed Ground Blind. These blinds include all other blinds not meeting the requirements of either Type (a) or Type (b), including portable manufactured or portable constructed ground blinds if not removed daily. Type (C) blinds can be placed on Oneida County Forest land one week prior to the opening day of Wisconsin's first big game hunting season and must be completely removed no later than one week after the closing date of Wisconsin's last deer season the following year. The name, address, and telephone number of the blind owner must be clearly printed on or attached to the blind. Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot damage any living trees or penetrate the cambium of a living tree and must be removed with the blind.

(d) Any ground blinds found in violation of § 14.13(22) of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, will be removed by Forestry Department employees, destroyed, or sold at County auction or by a publicly posted sale. A person found in violation of any portion of the aforementioned ordinance is subject to a citation and monetary forfeiture.

§ 14.14 Permits.

(1) Special Consideration Permits. Recreation structures, facilities, or areas may be reserved by ~~County residents~~ for special purposes, subject to approval by the Committee. The Committee, or its appointed agent, at its discretion, shall issue a permit and may set a charge or security deposit for this facility. Any person to whom a permit is issued by the Forest Administrator, or other authorized personnel, shall be bound by the provisions of all County ordinances and State laws as though the same were provided in each permit.

(2) Peddling and Soliciting. No person shall peddle or solicit any business, offer or advertise items for sale, distribute handbills or other advertising matter, post unauthorized signs or decorative matter on any County owned lands, structures or property; or use County property as a base of commercial operations for soliciting or conducting business, peddling or providing services within or outside such lands, structures or property unless first authorized by the committee or its authorized agent.

§ 14.15 Snowmobiles.

(1) Definitions.

APPROVED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

All snowmobile trails that receive State funding under Ch. 350 and are sponsored by the Oneida County Forestry Department or trails in which Oneida County holds the land use agreement, or trails on land owned by Oneida County. These trails are designated on the official County snowmobile map, a copy of which is kept on file in the Forestry Office, Courthouse, Rhinelander.

OFFICIAL TRAIL CLOSING

That date selected by the Oneida County Forestry Department in conjunction with the Oneida County Snowmobile Council and which is published on the Oneida County website, designating the approved snowmobile trails closed for snowmobile use.

OFFICIAL TRAIL OPENING

That date selected by the Oneida County Forestry Department in conjunction with the Oneida County Snowmobile Council and which is published on the Oneida County website, designating the approved trails opened for snowmobile use.

SNOWMOBILE

Any engine powered vehicle of a design which uses sled type runners or skis, is propelled by a continuous track, and which requires snow or ice for efficient travel.

SNOWMOBILE ROUTE

A highway designated for use by snowmobile operators adopted by the respective town or municipality and posted with signs by area snowmobile clubs.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

A marked trailway on public property or on private property, subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by operators of snowmobiles by the Oneida County Forestry Department, but excluding highways except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow.

(2) Restricted Use of Snowmobiles.

(a) No person shall drive a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management, or control of the Department that is posted or gated as closed to such use.

(b) No person shall drive a snowmobile at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour on any portion of an approved snowmobile trail that is posted with yellow sign indicating "Slow," "Steep Hill," "Dip," "Turn," or other caution.

(c) Operators of a snowmobile on approved snowmobile trails must stop at all locations marked with a red sign indicating "Stop."

(3) Restricted Use of Snowmobile Trails.

(a) No person shall operate any bicycle, four-wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, off-road vehicle, truck, all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, or motorcycle on any approved snowmobile trails without the written permission of the land owner or lessee, except for trail maintenance and/or inspection activities.

(b) No person shall operate any snowmobile on any approved snowmobile trail until officially opened by the Department, except for trail maintenance and/or inspection activities.

(c) No person shall operate any snowmobile on any approved snowmobile trail after such trail is officially closed by the Department, except for trail maintenance and/or inspection activities.

(d) No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any snowmobile sign posted on any approved snowmobile trail.

(e) No person shall post any unauthorized signs on any approved snowmobile trail without the written permission of the Committee or its agent.

(f) No person shall leave an unattended vehicle or place an obstruction on the groomed portion of any approved snowmobile trail.

(g) Pedestrians, including skiers, using approved snowmobile trails must yield to all snowmobiles on said ~~trails~~ trails.

(h) Operation by youthful operators is restricted and defined in §§ 350.5 and 23.33(5), Wis. Stats.

(i) No person shall operate a snowmobile in a careless way or at a rate of speed which would endanger person or property of self or others.

(j) No person shall operate a snowmobile off the leased 16.5 foot right-of-way and onto the private land along the designated snowmobile trails.

(k) No person shall operate a snowmobile contrary to state laws or regulations.

§ 14.16 Special Exceptions.

Special exceptions may be granted by prior approval of the Committee.

§ 14.17 All-Terrain Vehicles.

(1) Definitions.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE

Is defined in § 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTE

A highway or sidewalk designed for use by all-terrain vehicle and/or utility-terrain vehicle operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by § 23.33, Wis. Stats.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAIL

A marked trail way on public property or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by operators of all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles by the Oneida County Forestry Department, but excluding roadways or highways except those roadways which are not seasonally maintained for motor vehicle traffic.

DESIGNATED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS

Trails that have been designated by the Oneida County Forestry Department as being open for use by operators of all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicles, and are identified on official County All-terrain vehicle trail maps, copies of which are kept on file in the Oneida County Forestry Office, Court House, Rhinelander, Wisconsin. All other motorized vehicles are prohibited on designated all-terrain vehicle trails when said trails are officially classified as open for all-terrain vehicle use, except for those motorized vehicles used for forest management, logging, and trail maintenance activities.

OFFICIAL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAIL CLOSING

That date selected by the Oneida County Forestry Department and which is published ~~in~~ on the Oneida County website, classifying designated all-terrain vehicle trails as being closed for all-terrain vehicle and utility-terrain vehicle use.

OFFICIAL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAIL OPENING

That date selected by the Oneida County Forestry Department and which is published ~~in~~ on the Oneida County website, classifying designated all-terrain vehicle trails as being opened for all-terrain vehicle and utility-terrain vehicle use.

UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLE

Is defined in § 23.33(ng), Wis. Stats.

(2) Restricted Use of All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility-Terrain Vehicles.

(a) No person shall operate a bicycle or motorized vehicle other than an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle, as defined by Oneida County, on a designated all-terrain vehicle trail without the written permission of the Oneida County Forestry Department, except for motorized vehicles used for forest management, logging, and trail maintenance activities.

(b) No person shall drive an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle at speeds in excess of 10 mph on any portion of an approved all-terrain vehicle trail that is posted with a yellow sign indicating "slow," "steep hill," "dip," "turn," or other caution.

(c) The operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle on a designated all-terrain vehicle trail must stop at all locations marked with a red sign indicating "stop."

(d) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle with tire chains, tracks or studded tires on a designated all-terrain vehicle trail or on land owned by Oneida County that is entered under the County Forest Law § 28.11, Wis. Stats., either as Forest Lands or as Special Use Designation Lands without prior authorization of the Department.

(e) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle on any trail that is designated by the Department as a dual winter use snowmobile/ATV/UTV trail when the temperature on the trail at a point four feet above the trail surface, measured in the shade, is 28° F. or higher.

(f) No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any all-terrain vehicle trail signs posted on a designated all-terrain vehicle trail.

(g) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle at a rate of speed that is unreasonable or improper under the circumstances, or in any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.

(h) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility-terrain vehicle which has been mechanically or otherwise altered from the manufacturer's specifications so as to generate additional speed, traction, or noise.

(i) Off-road motorcycles, minibikes, go-carts, and other non-street-legal vehicles may not be operated on the County Forest road system. The County Forest road system shall be signed with ATV/UTV route signs to indicate the road is legal for ATV and UTV operation.

(j) All-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles are authorized for use on existing woodland trails that have not been designated as closed to motorized use by the placement of a gate, sign, earthen berm, or other similar blockade across said trail. Any attempt to circumvent a gate, sign, earthen berm, or other similar blockade with any motorized vehicle is prohibited. All-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles are prohibited from traveling off-road, off-trail, or cross-country in the County Forest and must remain on roads or woodland trails designated as open for all-terrain vehicle and utility-terrain vehicle use.

§ 14.18 Campgrounds and Camping.

Opening Date: Approximately May 22 15 (or when conditions warrant as determined by the Department) through thru December 2.

(1) Definitions.

CAMPGROUND – Any tract of County Forest Land designated by Oneida County and managed by the Oneida County Forestry, Land, and Recreation Department exclusively for camping purposes. The boundaries of campgrounds shall be marked with signs stating "Campground Boundary".

CAMPING - The use of any shelter such as a tent, trailer or motor vehicle for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

CAMPING PARTY – Any individual, family or, unorganized group, occupying a single campsite. A camping party may not exceed six individuals.

CAMPING SEASON AT DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS – That period from approximately May 22 15 (or when conditions warrant as determined by the Department) to December 2.

CAMPING UNIT – A single shelter used for camping by a camping party, except those used exclusively for dining purposes. A single shelter is defined as a recreational camping trailer, pop-up camping trailer, motor home, truck camper, or tent.

CAMPSITE – A portion of a campground that is designated for use by a camping unit.

DISPERSED CAMPING – The use of any shelter such as a tent, trailer or motor vehicle for temporary residence or sleeping purposes on County Forest property outside of a designated campground.

DISPERSED CAMPING SEASON – Dispersed camping is allowed year round by permit for not longer than 14 consecutive days and a maximum of 28 days annually.

FIREWORKS – As defined in Wis. Stats., § 67.10, to include anything manufactured, processed, or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks, or combustion, which does not have another common use.

OCCUPANCY – A camping unit, as defined, has been set up in a usable condition for camping.

PET – A domesticated dog or cat.

(2) Campsite Registration.

(a) Campsite use shall be on a first come, first serve basis, except for those sites designated as online, advanced registration only. No sites will be reserved.

(b) Campsites designated as being accessible for the physically disabled.

1. Campsites designated as being accessible for the physically disabled can be registered by a camping party if one or more members of said camping party have in their possession a valid, state issued, Identification Card indicating that the card holder is Physically Disabled.

2. When a campsite designated as being accessible for the physically disabled is the last unoccupied site in the campground, a camping party without a physically disabled member can register said site.

(c) An individual or a camping party may register only one campsite.

(d) The fee for an individual campsite is to be set and revised from time to time by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.

(e) Campground Registration Form for first-come, first-serve campsites.

1. Prior to setting up a camping unit a Campground Registration Form must be properly filled out in its entirety and deposited in the Campsite Registration Receptacle.

2. Satisfactory completion of the following items, as determined by a designated Oneida County Official, shall constitute a properly filled out Campsite Registration Form:

a. All information requested on the Campsite Registration Form must be provided in full, in a neat and legible manner. Any missing, falsified, or non-legible responses to the requested information on the Campsite Registration Form could result in said form being considered invalid.

b. The individual registering the campsite, as determined by the name of the individual listed on the Campsite Registration Form, must be 18 years of age or older and must occupy the campsite.

c. The appropriate campsite registration fee, in the form of either a personal check made out to the Oneida County Forestry Department or cash, must be enclosed within said Registration Form.

d. Upon completion of the Campsite Registration Form, said form must be deposited in the Campsite Registration Receptacle less the Campsite Registration Receipt.

(f) Campground Registration Form for reservable campsites.

1. Prior to setting up a camping unit, campsite reservations must be obtained using an Oneida County-approved online reservation system.

a. Missing or falsified registration information could result in said registration being considered invalid.

2. The individual registering the campsite must be 18 years or age or older and must occupy the campsite.

(fg) Campground Campsite Registration Receipt.

~~1. The individual registering the campsite must detach and retain the Campsite Registration Receipt.~~

2-1. Each camping party must display their Campsite Registration Receipt on the campsite marking post that identifies the campsite for which they have registered.

(gh) No refunds shall be given on camping permits, except in the case of an emergency as determined by the fForest Director. Said decision can be reviewed by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.

(3) Campground Campsite Occupancy and Use Regulations.

(a) Only one camping party may occupy a single campsite.

(b) Unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, all persons not having obtained the age of 18, occupying a campsite shall have in their possession a statement of consent signed by a parent or legal guardian.

(c) All camping parties must set up a camping unit, as defined, in a usable condition for the entire period of registered occupancy. Sleeping in cars or on the ground in the open is not permitted.

(d) A maximum of two camping units, with only one being a truck camper, motor home, pop-up camping trailer or recreational camping trailer, may occupy a single site.

(e) No more than two motor vehicles (not including ATVs and UTVs) shall be permitted at any one campsite including the camping unit if said is a motor vehicle.

(f) All camping permits expire at 2:00 p.m. on the last day of the registered period. The campsite must be completely vacated by 2:00 P.M. on the last day of the registered period.

(g) All camping units must be set up within the graveled portion of the campsite.

(h) It is unlawful to park any motor vehicle, including ATVs and UTVs, at any campsite except upon the parking area therein provided.

(i) A maximum of one ATV or UTV is allowed for each member of a registered camping party.

(j) No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a campground for a period in excess of 14 nights in succession. Thereafter, the camping unit must be removed from the property for at least five days before the camping party is eligible to return.

(4) Campground Use Regulations. The following regulations pertain to campgrounds located on Oneida County Forest land.

(a) General Campground Use Regulations:

1. Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Gas powered generators may not be used during quiet hours.

2. Only members of registered camping parties are allowed in the campground between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:0 a.m.

3. Lewd, vulgar, boisterous, unnecessarily loud behavior, disorderly conduct, littering, unauthorized selling or destructive acts and tampering with County property is strictly prohibited.

4. The removal of trees or wood products including, but not limited to, branches, tree tops, logging residue, firewood, pulpwood, boltwood or sawlogs from campgrounds owned by Oneida County is prohibited unless the individual or group removing said wood products holds a valid written permit to do so that has been issued by the County Forest Director.

5. The washing of cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing is prohibited within fifty-feet of any water pump, water fountain, or drinking water outlet within Campgrounds.

6. The cleaning and/or field dressing of fish and game is prohibited within Campgrounds.

7. No sewer or grey water waste shall be permitted to drain to the ground surface. Said waste must

be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility.

8. Picnicking in campgrounds is prohibited except for registered camping parties and their guests.

9. With the exception of edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus for personal consumption, no person may destroy, molest, deface, remove or attempt to remove any living natural vegetative growth from campgrounds.

10. Registered campers and their guests are required to deposit all refuse and recyclable waste material they generated while staying at an Oneida County campground in receptacles designated for said materials, prior to their final departure from the campground.

11. Only refuse and recyclables generated by registered campers and their guests, during the course of their stay at a campground managed by the Oneida County Forestry Department, may be deposited in the designated waste and recyclable receptacles provided in the campground.

12. Screws, nails, lag screws, screw steps, spikes, or other similar devices are prohibited for use in trees on Oneida County Forest land and within Oneida County Forest Campgrounds.

13. No person shall ride a horse, or have a horse in any County owned campground.

(b) Campfires and Firewood Regulations:

1. To reduce the risks of introducing harmful non-native invasive species, no firewood may be brought into the Oneida County Forest, including recreational areas and campgrounds, from outside Oneida County.

2. Registered campers staying at a designated County owned campground may collect dead and down woody material located within said campground for use as firewood during their registered stay at the campground. No limbs, branches or bark may be taken from standing trees, nor shall any standing trees be felled.

3. No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire except only in designated fireplaces, fire-rings, or grills in any County owned campground.

4. The removal of trees or wood products including, but not limited to, branches, tree tops, logging residue, firewood, pulpwood, boltwood or sawlogs from County owned campgrounds is prohibited unless the individual or group removing said wood products holds a valid written permit to do so that has been issued by the County Forest Director.

5. No person shall leave any fire unattended at designated fireplaces, fire-rings, or grills or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or any embers without extinguishing them, and then only in the proper receptacle.

6. During periods of elevated fire danger, further fire restrictions may be imposed. In the event further fire restrictions are imposed, a notice will be posted at the campground registration station.

(c) Campground Pet Regulations:

1. The number of pets, as defined, that a registered camping party may bring into a campground is limited to a maximum of 2.

2. Pets must be kept on a leash not exceeding eight feet in length.

3. Excessive noise created by pets will be considered a nuisance and the owner of said pets may be subject to expulsion from the campground without refund and may be given citation.

4. It is unlawful for any person to allow their pet to run, roam, or walk at large at any time.

5. Pets must be attended by and be under the control of a member of the registered camping party to which the pet belongs at all times.

6. While within an Oneida County Forest Campground, all pet fecal droppings must be cleaned up immediately by a member of the registered camping party to whom the pet belongs, and disposed of in the trash receptacle.

7. Pets are prohibited from entering any building except working dogs such as seeing-eye dogs.

8. Pets are prohibited from being on the concrete pads surrounding water pumps.

(d) Firearm, Fireworks, And Pyrotechnic Device Regulations

1. No person shall fire, discharge, explode, or set off fireworks, pyrotechnic device, or any other explosive material within campgrounds.

2. Within campgrounds located on Oneida County Forest land, it is unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession or under his or her control any firearm or air gun as defined in § 939.22(2),

Wis. Stats., unless it is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow, crossbow or slingshot, unless it is unstrung and/or enclosed in a carrying case.

(e) Hunting and Trapping Regulations:

1. It is unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue, or otherwise capture any wild animals or birds within the boundary of any campground.
2. It is unlawful to feed or bait any wild animals within the boundary of a campground.

(f) Vehicle Operation, Parking, and Road Use Regulations within County Forest Campgrounds are as follows:

1. It is unlawful for any person to park, stop, or leave standing whether attended or unattended, any vehicle in a manner which is blocking, obstructing or limiting the use of any campground road, trail, sidewalk, formally designated parking area, or contrary to posted notice.
2. No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour or contrary to official traffic signs within any campground.
3. No person shall operate any motor vehicle in a reckless or dangerous manner or contrary to any federal or state law or any County ordinance.
4. ATV and UTV use is restricted to parking areas, graveled portions of camp sites, the designated, signed ATV/UTV trail and the graveled campground road except where signed closed to ATVs and UTVs.
5. No vehicles may be parked within the campground except those owned, leased or rented by members of registered camping parties between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(5) Dispersed Camping Regulations: The following regulations pertain to remote camping on Oneida County Forest property:

- a. A permit issued by the Department is required to camp outside of designated campgrounds. This permit is available from the Forestry Office and through an Oneida County-approved online reservation system. Camping location may be subject to Department approval. The fee for such permit shall be determined by the Committee.
- b. Permit is valid for a maximum of 14 consecutive days as shown on the permit.
- c. Annual maximum for each camping party is 28 days.
- ed. The permit must be obtained prior to setting up a camping unit and must be displayed on the camping unit in such a manner that it is visible and readable from outside the camping unit.
- ee. Camping shelter must be occupied daily and may not be vacated overnight or stored at the site.
- ef. Each camping unit must obtain a permit and no more than three camping units are allowed in one group.
- fg. Permits are available only for those persons who are 18 years old or older.
- gh. Camping unit must be set up outside the right-of-way of any public road. Camping units or vehicles may not block travel on any road or trail.
- hi. No camping within ¼ mile of any designated Oneida County Forest Campground. No camping within any designated park, recreation areas or at boat landings.
- ij. No camping within 50 feet of any waterbody, ATV/UTV, snowmobile, ski, bike, snowshoe or hiking trail while such trail is open for its intended use.
- jk. No camping allowed within the boundaries of an active timber sale.
- kl. Damage to vegetation or landforms is prohibited except to build an adequate fire ring. Driving of screws, nails, bolts or the like into trees is prohibited.
- lm. Campfires are allowed but must follow all applicable county, town or state regulations. A three foot wide bare mineral soil break around the fire is required when ground is not snow covered.
- mn. Only dead down trees may be collected for firewood. No standing trees or brush, alive or dead may be cut. No firewood may be brought onto the County Forest from outside Oneida County. No firewood may be removed from County Forest property without first obtaining a firewood permit.
- no. Fires must be completely out and cold to the touch when not attended. Permittee will be held responsible for any fire started by them that becomes uncontrollable or causes any damage. Fires may be prohibited during elevated fire danger. Contact the Forestry Department or Wis. DNR for current fire danger.

- op. The use of fireworks is prohibited on County forest land.
- oq. Campsite must be clear of all debris/litter upon vacating the site. All material brought in must be carried out and properly disposed of.
- or. All human waste must be buried a minimum of 6-8 inches deep and a minimum of 50' from any road or trail and 200 feet from any water body. Please pack out all toilet paper and feminine hygiene products.
- os. Any camping unit that has a septic holding tank must empty septic at an approved dumping facility. No holding tank contents may be dumped on the ground or in any waterbody.
- ot. Campsite must be returned to as near a natural condition as possible upon vacating site.
- ou. Pets must be on a leash not exceeding 8-feet in length and must be under the owner's control at all times. Pets shall not be left unattended.

This permit may be revoked by verbal or written notice for any violation of the terms of the permit or any county, state or federal law or regulation. No refund will be given.

(6) Evictions. Any person or persons may be evicted from the campground or from a dispersed campsite for violation of any State Law, Federal Law, Oneida County Ordinance or Campground Regulation. The period of time for which a person may be expelled is 48 hours, or for the period of their camping permit, whichever is longer. No evicted person may return to the property before the eviction period has elapsed. Persons evicted are not eligible for refund of any unused camping fees.

Article IV Enforcement and Penalties

§ 14.20 Enforcement and Penalties.

- (1) Criminal Action. Whenever an arrest has been made for unlawful cutting on land owned by the County or on which the County holds a tax certificate, the District Attorney shall take appropriate action under Ch. 26, Wis. Stats.
- (2) Seizure. Whenever forest products are found, known to have been unlawfully severed or removed from County lands, the Sheriff shall on satisfactory evidence seize such materials pursuant to § 26.06, Wis. Stats., for use by the County or sale as the Committee may determine.
- (3) Civil Action. Whenever the Corporation Counsel has evidence of unlawful cutting on County lands, Counsel shall, on recommendation of the Committee, bring suit to recover damages as provided by § 26.09, Wis. Stats. Similarly, civil suit shall be brought against parties responsible for forest fire damage under § 26.21, Wis. Stats.
- (4) Citation or Summons. Any person to whom a citation or summons has been issued for a violation of this subsection, except Paragraph (b), may enter into a stipulation of no contest with the County by posting the appropriate sum with the Clerk of Court within 48 hours after the issuance of such summons or citation. Violators of this subsection who do not timely post such sum as a forfeiture shall be required to appear at the next regular session of the court for the setting of a trial date.
- (5) Cooperation. The Committee and its appointed administrative agent shall secure information and seek the cooperation of State, County, and Town officers in securing information required for legal action.
- (6) Penalties. Except as otherwise provided herein, any person violating any provision of this Chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee shall be subject to a penalty under § 25.04 of this General Code.

FORESTRY AND OUTDOOR RECREATION		Forfeiture	Total
14.07(1)(a)(2)	Transportation of wood past lock box without proper documentation	\$350.00	\$564.00
14.07(1)(a)(3)	Violation of treaty rights gathering permit	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(1)(b)(2)	Cutting or removal of wood from County land	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(1)(b)(3)	Cutting or removal of wood permit violations	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(1)(c)	Defacement of County property/trees	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(1)(d)	Collection of materials for resale or commercial purposes prohibited		

		\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(1)(e)	Cutting or tapping trees prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(1)(f)	Removal of rocks, sand, gravel, topsoil, or clay prohibited except as provided in		
14.01(2)(f)		\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(2)(a)	Overnight camping prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(2)(b)	Motorized vehicles prohibited from the use of roads and trails not authorized	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(2)(c)	14.17(2)(j) Damage, manipulation, or circumvention of a gate, sign, rock or earthen berm is prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(2)(d)	Motorized vehicles prohibited from traveling off-road, off-trail, or cross country	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.07(2)(e)	Dumping of litter, rubbish, debris. Posting of signs, handbills, markers, all prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
<u>14.07(2)(f)</u>	<u>Storage of personal property prohibited</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$249.00</u>
14.13(1)	County recreation area closing hours	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(3)	Disorderly conduct, intoxication on County-owned property	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(4)	Destruction/removal of personal property of another	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(5)	Unnecessary Noise	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(6)(a)	Destruction/removal of trees, shrubs, plants or natural growth	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(6)(b)	Carving on rocks, archeological features, signs or wall structures	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(6)(c)	Driving nails, placing screws, or other metal into trees	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(6)(d)	Destruction/removal of buildings, fences, tables, or any other County property	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(7)(a)	Entry of any building, installation or area under construction or closed to public use	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(7)(b)	Molest or manipulate any water control structure, dam, or culvert	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(7)(c)	Entry to any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(8)	Cleaning restricted- washing	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(9)	Disposal of refuse	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(10)	Glass containers prohibited in County recreation areas	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(11)(a)	Excessive speed prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(11)(b)	Reckless driving prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(11)(c)	Operation/parking of motor vehicle restrictions	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(11)(d)	Use of motor boats restricted (Buck Lake, Town of Pelican, and Perch Lake, Town of Woodboro)	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(11)(e)1,2,3,4	Parking restrictions	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.13(12)	Unauthorized/ unattended fires	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(13)	Illegal fireworks prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(14)	Firearms prohibited in County recreation area	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(15)	Pets prohibited in County recreation areas except as authorized	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(16)	Horses prohibited in County recreation areas and on silent sports trails	\$ 50.00	\$186.00
14.13(17)	Bicycles only in established area of County recreation facility		

		\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.13(18)	Athletics prohibited in County recreation area	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(19)(a)	Bathing dress in County recreation area	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(19)(b)	Bathing, changing clothes only in beach house or enclosed area	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(20)(a)	Motorized vehicle prohibited on ski-trail network	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(20)(b)	Damage to groomed portion of ski trail is prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(20)(c)	Crossing ski trail in a non-authorized manner	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.13(20)(d)	Non-authorized activities on the Enterprise Winter Silent Sports Trail	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.13(20)(e)	Skiing contrary to sign directions	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.13(20)(f)	Trail pass required	\$ 50.00	\$186.00
14.13(20)(g)	Pets on ski trail prohibited	\$ 50.00	\$186.00
14.13(21)(a), (b), (c)	Elevated platform, nails, lag screws, screw steps prohibited. Violation of portable tree stand removal requirements	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.13(22)(a), (b), (c)	Violation of ground blind construction, use and removal requirements	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.14(1)	Permits for use of County recreation facility structures	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.14(2)	Peddling or soliciting, or using County land as a base, is prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(2)(a)	Restricted use of snowmobiles-driving past gate or posting	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(2)(b)	Restricted use of snowmobiles-speed in excess of 10 mph in area posted slow, steep hill, dip, turn, or other caution	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(2)(c)	Restricted use of snowmobiles-must stop at stop signs	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(a)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- bicycles or motorized vehicle traffic prohibited unless authorized	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(b)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- riding before trails are open	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(c)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- riding after trails are closed	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(d)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- destroying of signs prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(e)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- posting of unauthorized signs on trail is prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(f)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- unattended vehicles or obstructions on the trail prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(g)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- pedestrian, skiers must yield to snowmobiles	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(h)	Restricted use of snowmobiles- youthful operation only in accordance with state law	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(i)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- careless and reckless operation, speed, prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(j)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails- riding off the leased right of way prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.15(3)(k)	Restricted use of snowmobile trails-no person shall operate contrary to state laws	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(a)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV – no motorized <u>or bicycle</u> traffic on designated ATV/UTV trail	\$100.00	\$249.00

14.17(2)(b)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV speed faster than 10 mph in area of yellow caution sign	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(c)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV -must stop at stop sign	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(d)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV -studded tires, chains prohibited on County forest law land and special use designation lands	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(e)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV -travel on snowmobile/ATV/ UTV trail prohibited by ATV/UTV when >28° F.	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(f)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV -removal, destruction, or defacement of ATV/ UTV trail sign prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(g)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV-unreasonable or improper speed, careless driving prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(h)	Restricted use of ATV/UTV -operation of mechanically altered ATV/UTV prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(i)	ATVs/UTVs, off- road motorcycles, minibikes, go-carts, and other non-street vehicles prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.17(2)(j)	Damage, manipulation, or circumvention of a gate, sign, rock or earthen berm is prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
CAMPGROUNDS			
14.18(2)(ba) through (fg)	Campsite Registration	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.18(3)(a) through (j)	Campsite Occupancy	\$ 50.00	\$186.00
14.18(4)(a)1	Quiet Hours	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)2	Non-registered person in campground between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.18(4)(a)3	Disruptive, lewd behavior and destructive acts	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)4	Removal of trees or wood products from campground	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)5	Washing within 50 feet of water source	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.18(4)(a)6	Cleaning/field dressing of fish and game	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)7	Dumping of sewage and wastewater	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)8	Picnicking by non- registered person	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.18(4)(a)9	Removal/destruction of live plants	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)10 & 11	Depositing refuse	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)12	Screws, nails, spikes in trees	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(a)13	Horses prohibited	\$ 50.00	\$186.00
14.18(4)(b)4 & 5	Firewood gathering	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(b)3 & 5	Campfires	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(c)1 through 8	Pets	\$ 50.00	\$186.00
14.18(4)(d)	Firearms and fireworks prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(e)1	Injure, kill, pursue, hunt, trap wildlife prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(e)2	Feeding/baiting wildlife prohibited	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(f)1 & 5	Parking	\$ 20.00	\$148.20
14.18(4)(f)2 & 3	Reckless operation, speeding motor vehicle	\$100.00	\$249.00
14.18(4)(f)4	ATV/UTV use restricted	\$100.00	\$249.00
<u>14.18(5)(a) through (u)</u>	<u>Dispersed camping violations</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$249.00</u>
NON-METALLIC MINING			
22.05(1)	Not fulfilling the requirements of an approved reclamation plan	\$250.00	\$452.50
22.06(1)	Not maintaining required financial assurances	\$250.00	\$452.50
22.08(1)	Not obtaining a nonmetallic mining permit before opening or removing material from a nonmetallic mine	\$250.00	\$452.50

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee

this 10th day of March, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Chris Schultz, Collette Sorgel, Mitch Ives

Resolution # 24 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Implement a Market Adjustment for Computer Technician Positions on the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule.

Resolution to implement market adjustment for Computer Technician positions on the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule.

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, due to the competitive labor market for information technology professionals, Oneida County has experienced difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified individuals for Computer Technician positions within the ITS (Information Technology Systems) Department; and

WHEREAS, based on conversations with the Executive Committee regarding turnover in the Computer Technician positions and challenges in refilling vacancies causing operational strain within the ITS Department, the Human Resources Director and ITS Director worked together to find solutions. Based on analysis, it was determined that compensation was one of the primary reasons cited for causes of turnover in the Computer Technician position; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director researched both private and public sector wages for positions closely related to the Computer Technician position, and identified that the Oneida County Computer Technician's compensation was lower than comparable wages, in which the data was presented to the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made to the Executive Committee by the Human Resources Director and ITS Director to add a market adjustment to the Computer Technician wages of an additional 6% compensation to the position's current placement on Grade H of the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee reviewed the data and recommendation and supports the implementation of this market adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee does recommend to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors to place the Computer Technician position at Grade Level H plus 6% on the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective January 31, 2026, the Computer Technician positions within the ITS Department shall receive an additional 6% compensation above their current Grade Level H wage with the additional funds needed to cover this change to come out of the current 2026 ITS Department budget.

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

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 25th day of February, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Robb Jensen, Steven Schreier, Dan Hess

Resolution # 25 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to Request the Governor of Wisconsin and State Legislature to Enact a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution.

Resolution to Request the Governor of Wisconsin and State Legislature to Enact a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution.

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

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

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets; and **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's economy-rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism-relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and

WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing a local vehicle registration (wheel) taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system – largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s – and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation and safety improvements on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within Oneida County.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works Committee this 5th day of March, 2026.

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

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

Roll Call Vote: 18 Aye, 3 Absent, Timmons, Hanus, Holewinski

Motion: Adopted

Cushing requested that Resolution # 20 – 2026 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Resolution # 20 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Property PL-478-7 to Timothy Borgwardt / Peakland, Inc.

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(s) identified in Exhibit A listed below have been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; 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 hereby approve the sale of the parcel(s) listed in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s) listed with any condition or terms listed in Exhibit A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s), upon the receipt of the required sale amount listed in Exhibit A, and the Board authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee(s), to issue quit claim deed(s) conveying any interest the County has in the description(s) described in Exhibit A.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 10th day of March, 2026.

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

Discussion: Administrative Coordinator/County Clerk Tracy Hartman stated that it was reported that the check that was submitted with the bid for this parcel has bounced. Hartman noted that we need to review County Code to determine a path forward. Discussion on how to proceed. Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch stated that per County Code the bidder has 60 days from County Board Approval to complete the payment. Briggs reported that the Bid Guarantee bounced, so this would not be a valid bid. Lynch explained that the process would then be to go to the next person in line.

Motion/Second: Schreier/Cushing to deny Resolution # 20 – 2026.

Vote: 13 Aye; 5 Nay Hess, Kulhanek, Ives, Jensen, Sorgel; 3 Absent, Holewinski, Hanus, Timmons

Motion: Passes

Vote on Resolution # 20 – 2026: 18 Nay; 3 Absent, Holewinski, Hanus, Timmons

Resolution: Fails

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME April 21st, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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Oneida County Economic Development Corporation

April 15, 2026

Collette Sorgel
County Board Supervisor & Broadband Liaison
6463 Cedar Crest Ln
Three Lakes, WI 54562

Dear Collette,

OCEDC Broadband Committee held a meeting on April 13, 2026, to review the status of broadband initiatives across Oneida County. Below is a summary of the updates shared.

Bug Tussel Project Update

A virtual meeting was held with Bug Tussel on Friday, April 10, 2026. Attendees from Bug Tussel included Jesse Lane (primary contact), Steve Schneider, Todd Theil, and Mike Long, along with finance and legal counsel. Oneida County representatives included Ken Kortenhof, Tony Pharo, Bristel Hamburg, Scott Holewinski, Billy Fried, Tina Smigielski, Jason Rhodes, and Tracy Hartman.

Fixed Services (Fiber)

- There are currently 92 miles of live fiber.
- An additional 83 miles are expected to be live by the end of May.
- This will bring total progress close to 175 miles toward the 225-mile project goal, leaving approximately 50 miles remaining.

Wireless Services (Tower Sites)

A total of six tower sites are included in the project:

- Burrows Lake Rd./McCord Rd. – FRN# (work in progress; ready to build)
- Enterprise – Location acquired
- Stella Lake – FRN# (work in progress)
- Manhardt Rd. – FRN# (work in progress)
- Stone Lake – FRN# (work in progress)
- North Nokomis – Listed as work in progress (status unknown)

Anchor Institutions

Anchor institutions are County facilities identified for connection to dark fiber as part of the bond project:

- Courthouse
- Sheriff's Department
- County Forestry Shop
- County Highway Department
- County ARDC Building
- County Solid Waste Department

Additional discussions are underway to determine if the Human Service Center will also be included.



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A Bug Tussel representative met with Jason Rhodes and Ken Korten Hof on Monday, April 13, 2026, to review connectivity options for these sites.

BEAD BOB Grant Update

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is continuing to finalize details of the BEAD BOB awards and grant agreements. ISPs must complete environmental (NEPA) reviews, permitting, and final engineering prior to construction.

The anticipated timeline is as follows:

- Spring–Summer 2026: Final approvals, engineering, and permitting
- Late 2026: Limited initial construction activity and first reimbursement requests
- 2027: Primary construction phase and majority of funding distribution
- 2028–2029: Final buildout, connections, and closeout of projects

ISP Coordination

The Broadband Committee will continue to monitor progress closely and coordinate with internet service providers as projects advance.

The next OCEDC Broadband Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026.

For additional background and real-time broadband mapping tools, please refer to the following resources:

- [Wisconsin Broadband Challenge Map](#)
- [Interactive Broadband Mapping](#)
- [Proposed Broadband Project – Oneida County, WI](#)

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional details.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Pharo".

Tony Pharo
Executive Director
Oneida County Economic Development Corporation

CC:

- Scott Holewinski
- Billy Fried
- Tracy Hartman (County Board Monthly Board Packet)
- Pete Otis
- Greg Miljevich
- Mark Foley
- Ken Korten Hof
- Sara Chiamulera



REGISTER OF DEEDS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Register of Deeds Staff

Kyle Franson - Register
Laurie DeMeyer - Chief Deputy II
Carrie Frye - Deputy I
Steven McKenzie - Deputy I

Prepared by: Kyle Franson - updated March 2026

Land Records Committee

Robert Briggs - Chair
Greg Oettinger
Kyle Timmons
Chris Schultz
Ted Cushing

How does the Register of Deeds serve the public?...

This is a Constitutional office as outlined in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapters 59.43, 69 and 45.

* **Land Records** - Maintain and perform all duties authorized by law as outlined in Ch. 59.43. Record, image, index all documents; deeds, land contracts, mortgages, satisfactions, easements, certified survey maps, plats, and many others.

** **Vital Records** - Perform all duties related to vital statistics in Ch. 69. Produce certified and uncertified copies of birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates. Birth and marriage records are available through statewide issuance.

*** **Military Discharge** - DD214 and DD215's are recorded and permanently stored for our military veterans as per Ch. 45.

Perpetually maintaining the history of Oneida County, its land and its people.

Register of Deeds - Statutory Fees (Revenue sources)

- Recording Fees:** \$30.00 per Document, as per Wisconsin Statutes 59.43(2)(ag), divided accordingly:
- \$7.00 State Share of Land Records Program (WLIP) as per Wis. Stats. 59.72(5).
* Monies are sent to the Dept. of Administration and counties can apply for grants.
 - \$8.00 County Share of Land Records Program as per Wis. Stats. 59.72(5).
* Monies placed in separate, non-lapsing account to be used for land records modernization.
 - \$15.00 County Share - applied to the county's revenue fund.**

Real Estate Transfer Fees: Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 77, Subchapter II
Wis. Stats. 77.22(1); Fee amount is based on **\$3.00 per \$1,000.00** of real estate value being conveyed.
Wis. Stats. 77.24; of all fees collected each month, **20% retained by the County** and **80% sent to the State**.
Administered by the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue since 1981

- Copy Fees:** Wisconsin Statutes 59.43(2), for any document printed in our office or produced on-line.
- \$2.00** For the first page of any document.
 - \$1.00** For each additional page of same document thereafter.
 - All fees applied to the county's revenue fund**

- Vital Record Fees:** \$20.00 for the first certified or uncertified copy, as per Wisconsin Statutes 69.22.
* **\$3.00** for each additional copy of the same record at the time of purchase, as per Ss. 69.22.
* **County Share - any additional copy fees are applied to the county's revenue fund.**

Birth records - \$20.00 fee is divided accordingly:

- \$7.00 Children's Trust Fund as per Wis. Stats. 69.22(1), sent to the DOA.
- \$8.00 Vital Records Online Revenue as per Wis. Stats. 69.22(1p), sent to the DOA.
- \$5.00 County Share - applied to the county's revenue fund.**

Marriage, Death & Divorce Decrees - \$20.00 fee is divided accordingly:

- \$13.00 Vital Records Online Revenue as per Wis. Stats. 69.22 (1p), sent to the DOA.
- \$7.00 County Share - applied to the county's revenue fund.**

Register of Deeds - Revenue Report

	2025	2024	2023
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED:			
RECORDED DOCUMENTS per s. 59.43(2)(ag);s.59.43(2)(i); & Federal Liens per s.779.97(5)(a)	\$288,480	\$273,390	\$271,410
PLATS (\$50) per s.59.43(2)(h) and TRANSPORTATION PLATS (\$25) per s.59.43(2)(k)	\$900	\$525	\$325
VITAL RECORDS (Certified copies of births, deaths, marriages, divorce) per s.69.22(1)	\$68,041	\$61,675	\$63,563
COPY FEES in office per s.59.43(2)(b) and s.59.43(2c)	\$4,127	\$4,121	\$3,703
RecordEASE copies from the internet per s. 59.43(2)(b) and s.59.43(2c)	\$72,912	\$68,987	\$66,477
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES collected per s.77.22	\$1,486,128	\$1,429,879	\$1,162,652
ABSTRACT FEES	\$24,000	\$19,950	\$20,300
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,944,588	\$1,858,527	\$1,588,430
STATE SHARE OF REVENUE:			
WISCONSIN LAND INFORMATION PROGRAM (\$7) per s.59.72(5)	\$67,312	\$63,791	\$63,315
CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (\$7) per s.69.22(1m)	\$7,168	\$5,397	\$5,978
BIRTH ONLINE (\$8) s.69.22(1q)	\$8,192	\$6,168	\$6,832
MARRIAGE ONLINE (\$13) per s.69.22(1q)	\$5,889	\$4,849	\$4,147
DIVORCE ONLINE (\$13) per s.69.22(1q)	\$91	\$52	\$65
DEATH ONLINE (\$13) per s.69.22(1q)	\$10,452	\$10,725	\$10,907
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES (80% of total collected) per s.77.23 and 77.24	\$1,189,334	\$1,140,584	\$930,026
TOTAL STATE SHARE	\$1,288,438	\$1,231,566	\$1,021,270
REMAINING COUNTY SHARE	\$656,150	\$626,961	\$567,160
COUNTY SHARE TO LAND RECORDS PROGRAM (\$8/Document) per Ss. 59.72(5)	\$76,928	\$72,904	\$72,360
NET REVENUE TO THE COUNTY	\$579,222	\$554,057	\$494,800

2025 Register of Deeds Fees and Totals Report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
# Births	76	77	88	132	120	81	90	85	79	86	52	58	1,024
\$7 fee paid to Children's Trust Fund - births	532	539	616	924	840	567	630	595	553	602	364	406	7,168
\$8 fee paid for online records - births	608	616	704	1,056	960	648	720	680	632	688	416	464	8,192
# Marriages	16	20	29	63	45	42	35	51	56	51	28	17	453
\$13 fee paid for online records - marriage	208	260	377	819	585	546	455	663	728	663	364	221	5,889
# Deaths	60	63	82	73	63	62	75	72	63	68	46	77	804
\$13 fee paid for online records - deaths	780	819	1,066	949	819	806	975	936	819	884	598	1,001	10,452
# Divorce Decrees	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
\$13 fee paid for online records - divorce decree	13	0	0	0	26	13	13	26	0	0	0	0	91
State Transfer Fees	57,543	54,293	41,768	66,506	111,477	117,921	118,011	125,963	151,480	114,833	72,518	157,021	1,189,334
State Land Records \$7	4,879	4,494	4,081	5,180	5,992	5,768	6,083	6,048	6,111	6,545	5,530	6,601	67,312
Total amount paid to the State	64,563	61,021	48,612	75,434	120,699	126,269	126,887	134,911	160,323	124,215	79,790	165,714	1,288,438
# Documents	697	642	583	740	856	824	869	864	873	935	790	943	9,616
Fees for recorded Docs @ \$15 per doc	10,455	9,630	8,745	11,100	12,840	12,360	13,035	12,960	13,095	14,025	11,850	14,145	144,240
TPP/Condo/Plat Fees \$25 or \$50	0	125	250	250	0	0	50	100	50	0	0	75	900
County Transfer Fees	14,386	13,573	10,442	16,627	27,869	29,480	29,503	31,178	37,870	28,708	18,130	39,029	296,795
Copy fees from the internet	5,471	5,518	4,663	6,590	5,692	6,147	6,900	6,408	7,168	7,389	4,777	6,189	72,912
In office copy fees	271	311	141	415	309	467	475	530	327	393	217	271	4,127
Vital record fee	919	966	1,217	1,612	1,370	1,140	1,227	1,300	1,228	1,263	778	948	13,968
Vital Record Copy Fees @ \$3	1,482	1,848	2,298	1,962	1,887	1,875	2,250	2,046	1,881	1,842	1,002	1,908	22,281
Abstract Fees	0	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	24,000
Cont Appr County Land Records @ \$8	5,576	5,136	4,664	5,920	6,848	6,592	6,952	6,912	6,984	7,480	6,320	7,544	76,928
Total money retained by the County	32,984	33,971	29,756	40,056	52,467	53,469	55,440	56,522	63,619	55,620	38,754	66,565	579,223

**August and December county transfer fees decreased by \$432 for December and prior years transfer fee collections/refunds



Oneida County Land Information Office 2025 Annual Report



Land Information Staff
Sara Chiamulera, Land Information Director
Randy Boehlert, Geospatial Administrator
Emily Decker, Geospatial Analyst
Chris Hill, Land Information Aide
Kim Karaba, Assistant Real Property Lister
Jacob Piasecki, Real Property Lister/Assessment Coordinator
Lee Theobald, GIS Specialist/Addressing Coordinator

Land Records Committee
Robert Briggs, Chair (March-Dec)
Ted Cushing
Greg Oettinger
Chris Schultz
Kyle Timmons (July-Dec)
Mike Timmons, Chair (Jan-March)

The Land Information Office (LIO) manages 7 major program areas for the County which include:

1. Real Property Listing
2. Parcel Mapping
3. Addressing/911 Support
4. Geospatial Services/GIS (Geographic Information Services)
5. Wisconsin Land Information Program
6. Tax Foreclosed and other County Land Sales
7. County Surveyor Duties

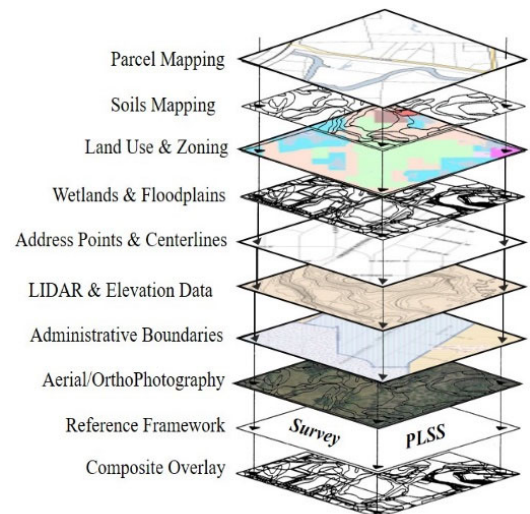
The primary duties include:

- Review deed transactions to update and maintain the real property listing ownership and related data using Ascent Land Records program.
- Coordinate the assessment process for the Assessor's workbook and rolls.
- Process Statement of Assessments, create tax bills, and assist Town Clerks with Statement of Taxes.
- Prepare and submit all assessment and real property tax files to Department of Revenue.
- Administer, maintain, and create digital parcel mapping data based on incoming plats of surveys, certified survey maps (CSM), and recorded deeds, etc.
- Administer the addressing and road naming ordinance and maintain the 911 Master Street Address Guide.
- Maintain the 911 Dispatch map and geospatial data, in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department.
- Perform duties of County Surveyor per State Statute: file land surveys and related maps, assist departments with land survey issues, index and upload PDF maps to our Online Maps website, hosted by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
- Administer the US Public Land Survey Remonumentation program and land survey contracts.
- Assist landowners and general public in the use of land records and assessment data.
- Develop and maintain the County's Geographic Information System (GIS); assist other County departments in land related issues, transactions, or analysis of land related data.
- Participate in the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP), as required for grant funding; administer Land Information Council (LIC) annual meeting to maintain partnership with WLIP; serves as the Land Information Officer of the County.
- Administer the processes of the sales of tax foreclosed properties and other County real estate transactions.

The Land Information staff does an outstanding job developing and maintaining an accurate, highly integrated tax and land records system, while also assisting users of land-related data both in-house and online. This success is made possible through strong collaboration with Information Technology, the Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer, Planning and Zoning, Forestry, County Clerk, Land Conservation, Highway Department, Special Taxing Districts, Towns, and the City of Rhinelander.

Below are functions and tasks the office stays involved with in annually.

- 1) Through the Ascent Land Records software suite, LIO updates Real Property Listings, including owner name, address, abbreviated descriptions, and assignment of parcel numbers. All tax parcel mailing address changes are taken care of by the LIO.
- 2) Real Property (RP) produces workbooks for assessors; uploads assessment data and executes validity checks. Prints assessment rolls and assessment notices for open book and board of reviews. Inputs manufacturing assessed values from the State for real estate, special charges, and creates electronic files of statements of assessment for Towns. Receives tax rates from taxing districts to compute real property tax statements and tax rolls. See table below for 2025 data by municipality. RP handled the statewide change of removal of Personal Property from the assessment and tax system.
- 3) Continue to serve on County Broadband Taskforce. LIO maintains a dynamic, user-friendly analysis tool via Web Mapping to display tower and route mapping for broadband development and the decision making process, available for public use. Partnered with Economic Development, County IT, Emergency Management, and County contractor for Broadband Analysis.
- 4) Continue maintenance of the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG). Assist the Sheriff's Department and the NewWorld 911 CAD vendor in updates for their system. LIO Staff remains available for GIS assistance in search and rescue operations.
- 5) Continue participation in Wisconsin NextGEN 9-1-1 system. Oneida County went live in 2023, but continues to work with other Wisconsin counties, both assisting and working together towards a successful implementation state-wide. NG9-1-1 enables the transfer of 9-1-1 calls between geographically dispersed Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), increases sharing of data and resources to improve emergency response times and create greater visibility within emergency incidents (including video from public-safety systems, video and images from citizens, and texts to and from citizens).
- 6) Maintain the Online Web Mapping application and all layers associated, including but not limited to public & private named roads, hydrology, parcels, trails, building centroids and outlines, zoning, voting, soils, DNR wetland inventory, site addresses, flood plain, municipal Township boundaries, GPS control & public land survey corners (PLSS), police/fire/ambulance zones, school districts, digital aerial photography, elevation, contours.
- 7) Administer the Tax Delinquent Land Sales process, including monitoring the effects of Statute 75.36 (2m), stating that the County must distribute (to the most recent landowner, prior to the tax deed) the surplus proceeds from the sale after delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, cost for time and labor of County employees to take care of and sell the property. This payment must be held for one year after the sale. In 2025, LIO staff completed 20 county land sales consisting of 14 tax delinquent properties and 6 excess county lands along roads.
- 8) Update countywide zoning maps and assist Planning & Zoning with special GIS mapping requests and land division reviews. Assist with mapping the non-metallic mining GIS inventory dataset.
- 9) Provide mapping assistance to Land Conservation for aquatic and terrestrial invasive species mapping. Maintain field collected data in web based mapping applications, for new requirements of Land Conservation departments.
- 10) Assist Forestry Department and Snowmobile Clubs with updating route locations and the ability to reference routes to landowner use-agreements. Continuously work with Forestry for software upgrades and data management.
- 11) Annual participation in the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP), which generates approximately \$100,000 each year from part of the Register of Deeds recording fees; County was awarded a 2025 Strategic Initiative grant of \$10,000 that must be used for land records modernization.
- 12) Maintain a Sex Offender GIS Mapping application to assist the County Committee created in regards to state statute § 980, Sexually Violent Persons. LIO Director serves on the Committee responsible for placement of potential released individuals.



- 13) Maintain and provide assistance to Highway Department staff for the Sign & Data Inventory GIS Mapping application. This app assists Highway Department staff with tracking county highway signs, culverts, and guard rails. It allows users to document broken signs with photos and replacement dates; track paving history and length for roads, and check sizes and status of culverts digitally.

2025 REAL PROPERTY LISTING TAX SUMMARY

Municipality	Equalized Ratio %	Real Estate Bills	Real Estate Parcels	Equalized Value	Net Real Estate Tax
Cassian (CA)	61.78	2440	2796	\$432,354,700	\$3,562,863.79
Crescent (CR)	61.24	1930	2088	\$444,896,300	\$4,058,967.08
Enterprise (EN)	96.84	839	1409	\$164,439,000	\$869,625.05
Hazelhurst (HA)	62.12	2189	2351	\$650,805,800	\$3,105,405.13
Lk Tomahawk (LT)	89.42	1665	2239	\$440,996,900	\$2,461,067.89
Little Rice (LR)	100.28	1014	1853	\$137,089,500	\$987,665.85
Lynne (LY)	70.17	499	1479	\$64,419,800	\$607,474.08
Minocqua (MI)	56.19	9495	10617	\$3,415,834,400	\$17,690,375.72
Monico (MO)	58.89	1221	1270	\$51,385,600	\$315,648.60
Newbold (NE)	66.25	3638	4600	\$853,439,100	\$6,968,681.64
Nokomis (NO)	80.96	2028	2315	\$567,423,500	\$3,852,588.86
Pelican (PE)	64.79	2957	3154	\$504,369,100	\$4,341,730.67
Piehl (PI)	93.26	603	705	\$26,346,200	\$144,504.87
Pine Lake (PL)	61.15	2450	2588	\$526,800,500	\$5,101,869.75
Rhineland (RH)	58.97	3590	4005	\$989,002,700	\$14,397,451.46
Schoepke (SC)	56.54	1367	1456	\$231,049,400	\$1,263,300.01
Stella (ST)	59.45	1121	1168	\$144,253,300	\$1,231,432.06
Sugar Camp (SU)	58.59	3016	3450	\$723,607,400	\$4,135,551.81
Three Lakes (TL)	53.26	5404	6071	\$1,936,081,700	\$12,951,153.73
Woodboro (WB)	60.40	1240	1593	\$309,398,000	\$2,535,657.51
Woodruff (WR)	98.31	2552	3101	\$702,767,000	\$5,401,426.96
Total 2025		51,148	60,308	\$13,316,759,900	\$95,984,442.52

2017 - 2025 LIO SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Year	Real Property / Parcel Mapping / GIS					Addressing / GIS		County Surveyor / GIS / Parcel Mapping		
	CSMs Reviewed	Plats/ Condos Reviewed	Recorded Documents Reviewed	Tax Parcels Changed (Ascent Data)	Tax Parcels Changed (GIS Edits)	Site Addresses Assigned/ Changed	New or Changed Roads	PLSS Corner GPS Updated	PLSS Corner Remonument	Survey Maps Indexed
2017	120	8	4,188	6,452	1,801	170/49	11	70	172	311
2018	138	7	4,314	6,567	2,880	201/81	12	157	170	267
2019	119	6	4,280	6,852	797	225/224	23	97	132	255
2020	144	11	4,580	7,813	1,750	277/184	33	79	108	230
2021	154	14	5,256	10,349	1,748	407/30	9	51	54	286
2022	166	12	4,518	8,615	1,346	285/165	6	89	141	344
2023	118	5	4,278	6,437	1,406	337/53	3	86	93	266
2024	166	10	4,186	7,028	1,813	318/158	20	17	55	330
2025	132	9	4,298	5,926	1,187	344/104	25	84	103	283

Below is a timeline, and interesting assessment, of the significant modernization efforts that Oneida County has achieved since the Wisconsin Land Information Program in 1989.

1989	County Acquired first county wide leaf off photography, film based
1990	Created Land Information Office
1991	Created WLIP Land Modernization Plan, started work on a digital base map; participated in LOCALIS state work group, assisted with re-districting
1992	Obtained first WLIB grant to create and complete a digital base map; worked with DOT on HARN control stations
1993	Start using GPS on PLSS, GPS and maintenance of basemap data continues each year
1994	Implemented a countywide change to the real property listing/tax billing process and created an integrated parcel database
1995	Continue GPS – real property listing, parcel splits, etc.
1996	Completed a digital soils layer
1997	WLIB address mapping grant to create an address point layer; Implemented E911
1998	Implemented ROD Imaging and an electronic tract index system
1999	Ensured land records systems were Y2K compliant; updated basemap info
2000	Changed from a town based assignment of addresses to a countywide addressing and road naming process; assisted with redistricting; launched ‘Parcel Vantage’ a parcel viewer on Intranet
2001	Scanned ROD plats and CSMs
2002	Scanned all county survey maps and PLSS forms
2003	Began the first countywide parcel mapping project – ended in 2009; back scanned deeds of current tax parcels
2004	Implement a Web mapping application; included tax data in searchable form including names on Internet
2005	Converted to Geodatabase; acquired first ever ‘Color’ countywide leaf off Digital orthophotography
2006	Merged the Real Property Listers office with the Land Information Office
2007	Converted GIS dataset to ArcSDE, Geodatabase
2008	Land Information Office assigned the duties for sales of tax foreclosed and County owned Real Estate Transactions
2009	Completed Generation 1 of the countywide parcel mapping, maintenance continues
2010	Created Internet site to access survey and other static maps, acquired new countywide digital imagery; assisted with Comp Planning
2011	Assist with redistricting and creation of Nokomis Lake District
2012	Revised snowmobile trails and linked parcels to snowmobile use agreements; develop LiDAR contract
2013	Began LiDAR project, the first high accuracy elevation survey for the county; ROD migration to new system
2014	AIS mapping; completed LiDAR project, ROD redaction project completed
2015	GIS Server and ArcGIS upgrades; acquired new countywide digital imagery; created new mapping apps; completed ROD document scanning back to 1887
2016	186 PLSS corners were remonumented and/or geodetically positioned; assisted Squash Lake District formation, launched new advanced web mapping One-View, implemented ROD e-recording, scanned historic survey notes
2017	Updated snowmobile trails, created trail app, back scanned sanitary permits, 240 PLSS corners were remonumented, ROD web access to documents
2018	Implemented new highly integrated, easy to use web tax, permit, deed and map application; started process to move land records off AS400, implemented ROD credit card purchase for documents
2019	Acquired new countywide digital imagery; ROD implemented WCI, the new document management system; selected vendor for new Real Property/Tax Application system; highway sign inventory
2020	Implement new Ascent Land Records Suite for Real Property/Tax Application system; updated planimetric mapping from 2019 imagery and impervious surfaces; assisted COVID response plan and mapping application.
2021	Updated GIS servers and ArcSDE environment; updated Sheriff’s Department’s GIS environment for NewWorld CAD.
2022	Updated Web Mapping application; Created Broadband Mapping application; continued NextGen 9-1-1 involvement, uploaded GIS Addressing, Road Centerline, and County boundary data into State systems.
2023	Resurrected Trails project with area Chambers of Commerce. Contracted for 2024 Aerial Photography. Continued strong participation in Broadband Mapping and NextGen 911 projects.
2024	Received and manipulated 2022 LiDAR data, for posting updated 1-foot contours to public GIS Mapping application. Completed contract flight of 2024 for new countywide aerial imagery. Continued strong participation in Broadband Mapping and NextGen 911 projects. Created sex offender database and mapping application for County staff to use to adhere to § 980. Created Highway Sign & Data Inventory mapping application.
2025	Successful transition to ArcPro mapping program, from older ArcMap suite. Real Property management of Act 235 (Judicial Privacy Act) compliance through Ascent Land Records, cooperating with departments that utilize our data and documenting procedures.

RESOLUTION # 26 - 2026

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(s) identified in Exhibit A listed below have been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,

WHEREAS, the 1st bidder Timothy Borgwardt that was awarded the property had his bid guarantee check come back as Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF), this constitutes a forfeit, Chapter 18 does require a valid bid guarantee along with the bid form, so the 2nd bidder in the process has been awarded the property; 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 hereby approve the sale of the parcel(s) listed in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s) listed with any condition or terms listed in Exhibit A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel(s) described in Exhibit A to the successful bidder(s), upon the receipt of the required sale amount listed in Exhibit A, and the Board authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee(s), to issue quit claim deed(s) conveying any interest the County has in the description(s) described in Exhibit A.

Vote Required: Majority = [checked] 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes [checked] No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, [signature], Date: 4/14/26

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 14th day of April, 2026.

Consent Agenda Item: [X] YES _____ NO

Fiscal Impact

Offered and passage moved by:

[] Included in Resolution

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[X] N/A

[signature] Supervisor (Robert Briggs)


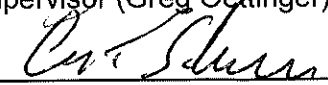
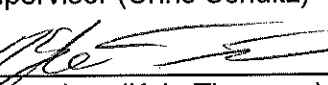
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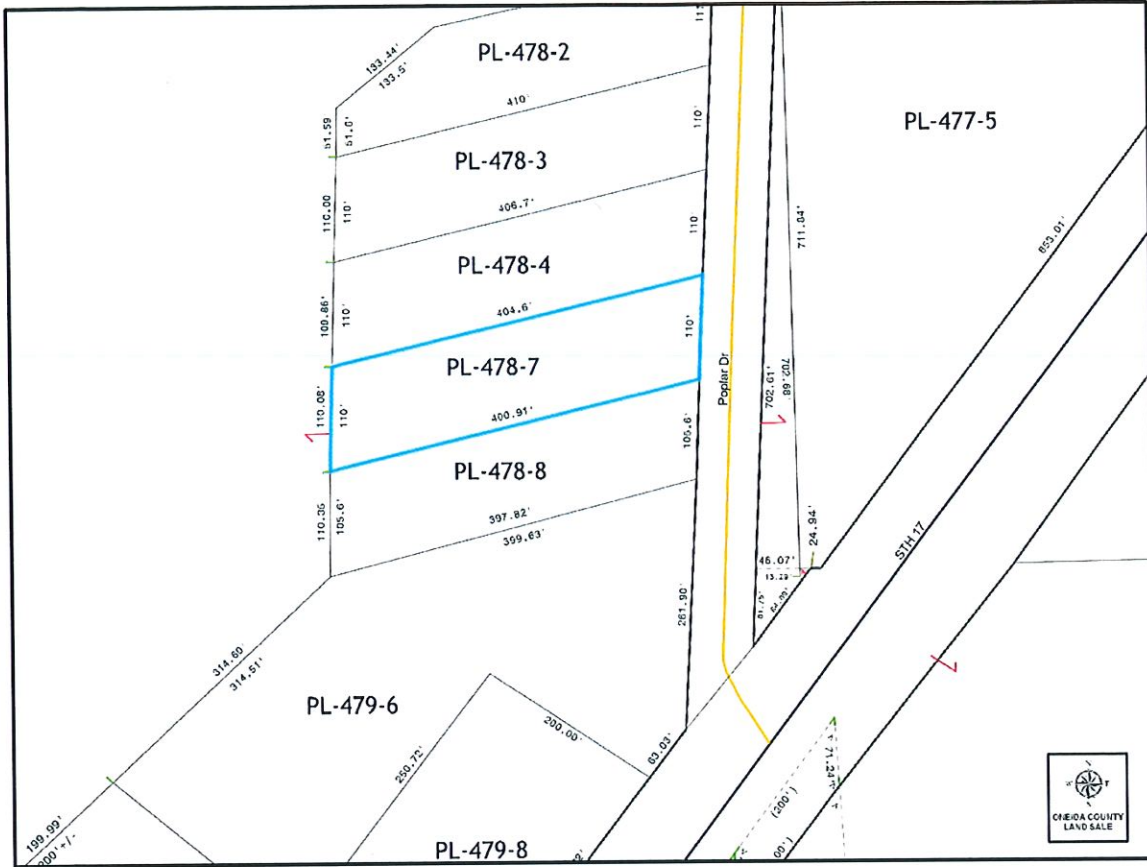
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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

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Exhibit A



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Parcel Identification Number: PL-478-7

Bid Amount: \$12,501.00

Successful Bidder: Robert Briggs, 1276 USH 8, Monico, WI 54501.

Description: A parcel of land being a part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 21, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 21; thence West on the North line of Section 21 a distance of 24.75 feet to a stake marking the intersection with the Westerly right of way line of a town road; thence S. 3° 21' W. along said right of way line a distance of 1043.9 feet to an iron pipe and the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence S. 77° 54' W. a distance of 404.6 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 1° 41' W. a distance of 110 feet to an iron pipe; thence N. 77° 49' E. a distance of 400.91 feet to an iron pipe marking the intersection with the Westerly right of way line of the town road; thence N. 3° 21' E. along said right of way line a distance of 110 feet to an iron pipe and point of beginning, in Oneida County, Wisconsin.

Subject to easements, utilities, access of record or in use by others on or across said lands.

RESOLUTION # 27-2020

Resolution to support sustainable transportation funding in the state of Wisconsin.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and

WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight

47 movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and
48 residents; and

49 **WHEREAS**, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed
50 in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require
51 predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs
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53 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors
54 strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a
55 comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that: 1. Provides adequate
56 and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state
57 and local transportation programs; 2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General
58 Purpose Revenue and bonding; 3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user
59 fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain
60 and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and 4. Ensures transportation
61 continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation,
62 and safety investments on the state and local systems
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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of
65 this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and
66 Assembly representing districts within Oneida County, and the Wisconsin Counties
67 Association.

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69 Vote Required: Majority = 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____
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72 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as
73 reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, [Signature],
74 Date: 4/15/26

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76 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the _____
77 Committee this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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79 Consent Agenda Item: _____ YES _____ NO

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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

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RESOLUTION # 28-2020

Resolution to Authorize 2025 Budget Transfers

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, Wisconsin State Statute Section 65.90(5)(ar) dictates that appropriations may not be changed unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, Oneida County Code Section 3.11 (4)(b)(2) dictates if no funding is otherwise available in a departments' budget to cover overdrawn line items, budget transfers will be requested by the department heads, prepared by the Finance Director, and presented to the Executive Committee for consideration and action; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Director proposes the following budget transfers based on preliminary and unaudited numbers. While no additional 2025 budget transfers will be requested, note that actual amounts are subject to change without notice as the year-end audit progresses.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Estimated, Net*</u>	<u>Budget, Net*</u>	<u>(Over)</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
Circuit Court Br II	153,743	121,713	(32,030)	32,030
Insurance & Risk	249,260	100,000	(149,260)	149,260
Labor Relations & Employee Benefit	532,826	518,139	(14,687)	14,687
Human Services –Residential Care Centers	2,506,365	506,365	(2,000,000)	2,000,000
General Reserve for Contingency				(2,195,977)
<u>Net Transfers</u>				<u>\$-</u>

* Net is amount of tax levy required; Non Levy Revenues – Expenditures.

Circuit Court Branch II is expected to exceed net budget by 26%. The office experienced the passing of a long-serving employee resulting in paid-time-off bank cash out, continuation of survivor health coverage for a time, and limited-term-employee assistance during a transition period.

The Insurance & Risk business unit is expected to exceed net budget 149%. Annual premium costs were higher than anticipated, and the amounts charged-back to departments biweekly established at the beginning of the year were insufficient to cover the uptick in insurance costs. In addition, insurance recoveries and dividend refunds were lower than the 2025 budget expectations.

The Labor Relations & Employee Benefits department is expected to exceed budget by 3% driven by insufficient budget available to cover the costs associated with paid-time-off bank cash out, and retiree health coverage and costs associated with the Director's retirement.

The Human Services' Residential Care Centers' business unit is expected to exceed budget by 295% attributed to youth out-of-home care costs. A growing number of children are

50 court ordered to be placed outside of their homes. Court ordered placements are the
51 responsibility of the county. There is little to no funding sources available for these
52 placements. There is a statewide effort by counties to request the state provide more funding
53 to address rising caseloads and costs.

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55 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee has reviewed and does recommend the 2025
56 budget transfers as presented, and,
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58 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors authorizes
59 Finance Director to execute the budget transfers as presented.
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63 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed
64 by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:
65 3/26/26
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67 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 25th
68 day of March, 2026.
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70 Consent Agenda Item: X YES _ NO
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by the County Board of Supervisors this 21th day April, 2025.

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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

RESOLUTION # 29-2020

Resolution to Create Two Full-Time Behavioral Health Therapist positions in the Human Services Department.

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, demand for outpatient mental health services provided through the Oneida County Department of Human Services to residents of Forest, Vilas and Oneida Counties exceeds available Behavioral Health Therapist staffing levels, resulting in waitlists and delays in care; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Department of Human Services is requesting the creation of two additional Behavioral Health Therapist positions in an effort to meet increased demand, improve access to timely care, strengthen partnerships with schools and community referral sources and decrease reliance on higher-cost emergency and crisis interventions; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary and unanticipated need for additional staff positions has been identified after the current year budget was adopted; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Oneida County Code of Ordinance § 4.18 *Establishing Positions*, an exception to the budget process to create position(s) requires a draft position description reflecting rate of pay, cost of benefits and the effective date be approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing costs for the two additional positions will be sustainable through billable client services, however initial onboarding costs for recruitment and training the two created Behavioral Health Therapist positions require funding; and

WHEREAS, Forest County has approved funding 20% of the onboarding costs on March 17, 2026, and Vilas County has approved funding 30% of the onboarding costs on March 24, 2026, leaving the remaining 50% to be funded by Oneida County through Opioid Settlement Funds via resolution; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed and approved by the Oneida County Human Services Committee on February 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed this request and recommends the creation of two additional Behavioral Health Therapist positions to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective upon passage, two full-time Behavioral Health Therapist positions shall be created at Grade L on the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all related onboarding costs to be covered by cost sharing with 30% by Vilas County, 20% by Forest County, and 50% Oneida County utilizing

51 Opioid Settlement Funding and ongoing position costs to be covered by billable client time, with
52 no county tax levy needed to fund these positions.

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

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56 Vote Required: Majority = 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

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59 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed
60 by the Corporation Counsel, [Signature] Date: 3/26/26

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62 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 25th day of
63 March, 2026.

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65 Consent Agenda Item: YES NO

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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair



ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

Better Together

Request for Two Behavioral Health Therapist positions

Over the past year, the Outpatient Clinic has demonstrated both fiscal responsibility and measurable community impact. Following the hiring of one additional therapist and the addition of a partial FTE with the Outpatient Clinic Manager seeing clients, the clinic successfully eliminated its waitlist entirely. This improvement allowed community members timely access to services and reduced strain on emergency and crisis resources.

However, within the last four months, the clinic has again accumulated a waitlist of 44 individuals. Referrals continue to increase and are coming from a wide range of sources, including local schools, emergency services, social workers, community members, and internal county programs. The current staffing model is no longer sufficient to meet this demonstrated need.

Each proposed therapist position is financially sustainable. The position pays for itself when the therapist is scheduled at approximately 50% direct client contact time, allowing the remaining time to support documentation, coordination of care, crisis response, and interdisciplinary collaboration. This makes the request both fiscally sound and operationally realistic.

The Department is requesting Opioid dollars to fund Oneida Counties portion of the anticipated on boarding cost for these employees. This is the time between hire date and reaching 50% direct client time. The Department has requested Vilas and Forest contribute based on our contracted percentage rate of admin costs with them.

Forest County Board approved 3/17/26 and their County Board resolution is attached.

In Vilas County the request has passed Human Service and Finance Committee and goes to full County Board for approval 3/24/26.

The request for Opioid funding is included in this packet and details the estimated cost.

Approval of these two positions would:

- Reduce and prevent waitlists for outpatient mental health services
- Improve access to timely care for adults, youth, and families
- Strengthen partnerships with schools and community referral sources
- Reduce reliance on higher-cost emergency and crisis interventions
- Maintain a financially responsible, revenue-generating service model

Human Services - Court House
1 S. Oneida Ave
Rhineland, WI 54501
P: 715-362-5695 F: 715-362-7910

Human Services – Timber Drive
705 E. Timber Drive
Rhineland, WI 54501
P: 715-369-2215 F: 715-369-2214

Aging & Disability Resource Center
100 W. Keenan St
Rhineland, WI 54501
P: 715-369-6170 F: 715-369-6245

Behavioral Health Therapist Costing

	Salary	FICA	Retirement	Health Ins	Life Ins	Workers Comp	Total
Therapist, Grade L /Step 1	\$ 72,030.00	\$ 5,510.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 32,974.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 1,498.00	\$ 117,280.00
Therapist, Grade L /Step 1	\$ 72,030.00	\$ 5,510.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 32,974.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 1,498.00	\$ 117,280.00
Total	\$ 144,060.00	\$ 11,020.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 65,948.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 2,996.00	\$ 234,560.00

RESOLUTION # 30-2020

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 in an amount not to exceed \$43,980 for Oneida County's Share of Costs to Onboarding Two (2) Behavioral Health Therapist 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 \$819,224.84 as of February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the cost of each position is \$117,280.00 with a total cost of \$234,560.00 for the two positions; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost for the six-month onboarding period for these positions is \$87,960.00; and

WHEREAS, the positions shall be self-sustaining, funded by insurance alone, and will require no tax levy or additional opioid funds once the six-month onboarding period is met; and

WHEREAS, Vilas and Forest County Human Service Departments are requesting Opioid dollars from their own county's Opioid Fund to provide for their portion of costs associated with these positions; and

47 **WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Human Service Department is requesting Vilas and Forest
48 counties contribute to funding the initial six-month onboarding period of these positions based on
49 the contracted percentage rate of administrative costs; and

51 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County's costs based on the contracted percentage rate of administrative
52 costs would be \$43,980.00.

54 **WHEREAS**, the Forest County Human Services Board approved the resolution March 17,
55 2026 and the Vilas County Finance Committee approved the resolution to go before the full county
56 board for resolution March 24, 2026

58 **WHEREAS**, forming these positions will greatly benefit the residents of Oneida County by
59 providing better access to services and allow the Oneida county Department of Human Services
60 to better discharge its duties under the Wisconsin Statutes.

62 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program
63 be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and

65 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this
66 project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds appropriated in the adopted 2026
67 budget.

71 Vote Required: Majority = 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

73 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed
74 by the Corporation Counsel, [Signature], Date:
75 3/26/26

77 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 25th day of
78 March, 2026.

80 Consent Agenda Item: YES _____ NO

83 Fiscal Impact

Offered and passage moved by:

85 Included in
86 Resolution

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87 [Signature]
Supervisor Billy Fried

89 [Signature]
Supervisor Scott Holewinski

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Supervisor Robb Jensen

Aye Nay Abstain



Oneida County
Opioid Settlement Funding Request Form
 2026 - 2028

Purpose: Form used to request preliminary approval for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021. Detail on permitted opioid related expenditures available by request.

Project Overview	
Project Title	Behavioral Health Therapy Position - Onboarding
Department(s)	Human Services
Proj. Manager(s)	Beth Hoerchler

select one	Committee of Jurisdiction Ranking
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High - resolves serious health/public safety opioid-related crisis; has a widespread impact; ancillary benefits are well-defined; reduces and/or does not burden ongoing operating budget(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium - provides short-term fix for existing opioid-related issue; addresses anticipated health/public safety opioid-related concern; serves broad community needs; impact on operating budget is minimal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low - address an issue indirectly correlated to the opioid abuse; new project or program which may require long-term funding; impact on larger community is minimal; will require on-going operating budget support.

select one	Expenditure Category
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treatment (support treatment & recovery; connect to care criminal/justice /parent / neonatal)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevention (appropriate prescribing/dispensing; misuse of opioids; prevent overdose)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Strategies (first responders; leadership/planning; training; research)

Project Description & Justification

The Department is requesting Opioid dollars to fund Oneida Counties portion of the anticipated onboarding period for two Behavioral Health Therapist positions. Onboarding is the time between hire date and reaching 50% direct client time. When the therapist reaches 50% time the position pays for itself making it financially sustainable. There would not be a need for additional Opioid dollars or tax levy beyond the initial 6 months of employment. The Department is projecting that this timeframe will be similar to the Therapist hired by the Department on June 26th of this year. Her percentage of billable time by month is as follows:
 July 5.36% August 26.6% September 33.61% October 42.50% November 48.57%

The Department requested Vilas and Forest contribute based on our contracted percentage rate of admin costs with them. This request is going to full county board for resolution on 03/17/2026 in Forest County and on 03/24/2026 in Vilas County. The request was approved in both counties by the required committees to be moved to resolution. The total estimated cost would be \$87,960 for the 6 month onboarding period of 2 Therapist positions. This total amount would be split 50/30/20 to Oneida, Vilas and Forest counties respectively. Oneida's maximum estimated cost would be \$43,980.00. This number was based on assuming 0% billable time for the first three months and 50% Medicaid/insurance payment for the employees' time for the second three months.

Mental health and substance use disorders are deeply connected and often untreated mental health conditions increase the risk of developing a substance use disorder, including opioid misuse. According to the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 35% of adults aged 18 and over in the U.S. who have another mental disorder also have a substance use disorder. With three Substance Use Counselors and a Psychiatrist specializing in addiction, the Outpatient Clinic serves a high volume of community members seeking or being court ordered to substance use treatment.

Mental disorders commonly co-occurring with substance use disorders include anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, disorders of psychosis, borderline and antisocial personality disorders, and others. Adolescents with substance use disorders have especially high rates of other co-occurring mental disorders, including mood and anxiety disorders, conduct disorder, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Onboarding additional mental health therapists will strengthen early intervention, reduce reliance on substances as a coping strategy, and improve outcomes for individuals impacted by opioids. This strategic use of settlement funds aligns with the intent of opioid settlement funding by addressing root causes, improving access to care, and reducing long-term costs associated with emergency services, inpatient treatment, and criminal justice involvement.

Oneida County Human Service Committee approved on 02/24/2026 to be moved on to the Executive Committee.

	Cost & Funding Summary				Project Total
	Prior Yr Funding	2026	2027	2028	
Opioid Funds		43,980.00			
Dept. Fund Balance					
Tax Levy					
Other (grant)					
Total					

RESOLUTION # 31-2026

Resolution to elect Benjamin Rich to Highway Commissioner.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee did receive a voluntary termination of employment notice from the incumbent Highway Commissioner and instructed the Human Resources Director to conduct a recruitment to fill the position; and

WHEREAS, the interview panel was comprised of the Public Works Committee, Human Resources Director and Administrative Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the interview panel selected the most qualified candidate, nominating Benjamin Rich as the Highway Commissioner, contingent upon County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, sec. 83.01(1)(a), Wis. Stats., states the County Board shall elect a county highway commissioner and if the county board fails to elect a county highway commissioner, the county shall not participate in state allotments for highways; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby elects Benjamin Rich as the Highway Commissioner under the following conditions:

- 1. The effective date of the appointment shall be April 21, 2026, and
2. For compensation purposes, Benjamin Rich shall start at Grade Q, Step 7.

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

Vote Required: Majority = [checked] 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes [checked] No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, [signature] Date: 4/13/26

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works Committee this 21st day of April, 2026.

Consent Agenda Item: YES [checked] NO

Fiscal Impact

Offered and passage moved by:

[] Included in Resolution

[] Attached

[] N/A

[signature] Supervisor Ted Cushing

[signature] Supervisor Billy Fried

Aye Nay Abstain

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<u>Dan Hess</u> Supervisor Dan Hess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

_____ Ayes

_____ Nays

_____ Absent

_____ Abstain

_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 2nd day April, 2026.

_____ Defeated

Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair



ONEIDA COUNTY
FISCAL IMPACT
2026

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Title	Highway Commissioner - Outgoing Q-7	Highway Commissioner - Incoming Q-7	
Salary Schedule	Non-Exempt	Non-Exempt	
Hourly Rate	\$ 53.51	\$ 53.51	\$ -
Annual Hours	2,080	2,080	-
Estimated Amounts			
Wages	\$ 111,301	\$ 111,301	\$ -
FICA & Medicare	8,515	8,515	-
Retirement	7,735	7,735	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-
Life Insurance	111	111	-
Income Continuation Ins.*	-	-	-
Workers Comp Ins.	<u>5,009</u>	<u>5,009</u>	-
Total Wage & Fringe	<u>\$ 132,671</u>	<u>\$ 132,671</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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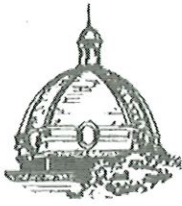


**ONEIDA COUNTY
FISCAL IMPACT
2026**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Title	Patrol Super/Highway - Outgoing M12	Highway Commissioner - Incoming Q-7	
Salary Schedule	Non-Exempt	Non-Exempt	
Hourly Rate	\$ 48.41	\$ 53.51	\$ 5.10
Annual Hours	2,080	2,080	-
Estimated Amounts			
Wages	\$ 100,693	\$ 111,301	\$ 10,608
FICA & Medicare	7,703	8,515	812
Retirement	6,998	7,735	737
Health Insurance	-	-	-
Life Insurance	101	111	11
Income Continuation Ins.*	-	-	-
Workers Comp Ins.	<u>4,531</u>	<u>5,009</u>	<u>477</u>
Total Wage & Fringe	<u>\$ 120,026</u>	<u>\$ 132,671</u>	<u>\$ 12,645</u>

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ONEIDA COUNTY LABOR RELATIONS EMPLOYEE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Date: April 10, 2026

From: Jennifer Lueneburg *JL*
Human Resources Director

To: Oneida County Board

Re: Highway Commission Resolution information

The Oneida County Code 1.24(3)(c) Highway Commissioner states:

The Public Works Committee shall forward to the Oneida County Board a resolution nominating the top finalist as determined by the final interview. The names of the finalists who were interviewed shall also be provided to the County Board. Other nominations by County Board Supervisors from the list of finalists who were interviewed will be entertained and considered pursuant to the normal procedures for amending a resolution.

Based on County Code, the following candidates were finalists interviewed for the Highway Commissioner position:

- Benjamin Rich
- Christopher Alsteen
- Benjamin Susor

The Public Works Committee determined that the top finalist was Benjamin Rich and is submitting a resolution proposing Mr. Rich be elected to the position.

1 RESOLUTION # 32 - 2020
2 GENERAL CODE OF ONEIDA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
3 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT # 02 - 2020
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5 Resolution to create a Solid Waste Committee.

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7 Ordinance Amendment offered by Supervisor Billy Fried

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9 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Oneida County to have an efficient system
10 of governance; and

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12 WHEREAS, the current structure is inefficient to address the issues presented by
13 two departments (Highway Department and Solid Waste Department) to the same
14 Committee (Public Works and Solid Waste Committee); and,

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16 WHEREAS, separating the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee into two
17 separate committees will result in better oversight for the Solid Waste Department and the
18 Highway Department.

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20 WHEREAS, County Code states that no committee may be created unless
21 authorized by the full County Board.

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

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

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

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

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36 Section 4. The following sections (2.30, of the General Code of Oneida County,
37 Wisconsin, are amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by
38 ~~strikethrough~~]:
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40 § 2.30. Committees.

41 (1) No committee may be created unless authorized by the full County Board. No committee
42 may create subcommittees or otherwise subdivide committee responsibilities unless
43 authorized by the whole County Board. Any committee may rely on its members, County
44 staff, or other individuals or organizations to conduct research and provide additional
45 information to the committee for the purpose of fulfilling its responsibilities. Such research or
46 information gathering, when conducted cooperatively without a quorum of the committee,
47 shall not be considered a subcommittee or governmental body unless creation of a
48 subcommittee has been previously approved by the County Board.

49 (2) Appointed.

50 (a) Enumerated. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Chair at the
 51 organizational meeting of the Board in the year she/he is elected and shall consist of the
 52 number of members listed herein. The County Board Chair will appoint the Chair of
 53 each committee, except the Public Works Committee. The Chair may appoint a
 54 Committee on Committees to assist him/her. All appointed committee members shall
 55 serve two-year terms and be County Board supervisors, except where State law provides
 56 for other non-Board members, all State mandated non-County Board members will be
 57 selected using the process set out in Paragraph (4) below:
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Solid Waste Committee

5 County Board Supervisors

59 (3) Elective. The County Public Works and ~~Solid Waste Committee~~ shall consist of five members
 60 and shall be elected by the County Board at the organizational meeting of the Board in the
 61 year the Board is elected, with such committee members serving two-year terms. The
 62 procedure for nomination and election of Public Works and ~~Solid Waste Committee~~ members
 63 shall be the same as that for the nomination and election of the County Board Chair, except
 64 that the use of secret ballots shall not be permitted.
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66 **§ 2.31. Rules Governing County Board Committees, Boards and Commissions.**

67 (7) Committees of Jurisdiction, Reports.

68 a. Designation of Committee of Jurisdiction. The elected officials and department heads of
 69 the County shall report to the following committees of jurisdiction and are encouraged
 70 to meet with such committees on a regular basis, and shall meet when specifically
 71 requested:
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Elective County Official	Committee of Jurisdiction
County Clerk	Administration Executive
County Treasurer	Administration Executive
Appointed Official	Committee of Jurisdiction
Social Human Services and Aging Unit Director	ADRC Committee
Auditor/Finance Director	Administration Executive
Information Technology Services Director	Administration Executive
Social Services Director	Social Services <u>Human Services</u>
<u>Solid Waste Director</u>	<u>Solid Waste Committee</u>
Veterans Service Officer	Social Services Committee <u>Human Services</u>

73 **§ 2.41. Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~ Committee.**

74 The Highway [Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~] Committee shall have such powers and duties as
 75 are prescribed by Ch. 83, Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time. This committee shall also

76 perform all duties listed in Oneida County Code § 8.04. The members of the Public Works and
77 ~~Solid Waste~~ Committee are entitled to a maximum per diem (in addition to necessary expenses)
78 of not more than \$3,500 per year.

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80 **§ 2.43. (Reserved) Solid Waste Committee**

81 (1) Composition and Appointment. This Committee shall consist of five members appointed by
82 the County Board Chair.

83 (2) Powers and Duties.

84 (a) Approve the bills and expenses of the Solid Waste Department

85 (b) Assist in the preparation of the annual budget for the Solid Waste Department.

86 (c) Perform all duties listed in Oneida County Code § 8.04

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88 **§ 3.07 Expenditure of Highway Funds.**

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90 Since the various highway construction and maintenance activities are continuous from year to
91 year and the exact cost of any work cannot be known at the time of making the appropriation
92 therefore, the Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~ Committee may use any balance remaining in any
93 appropriation for a specific highway improvement, after the same has been completed, to make
94 up any deficits that may occur in any other improvement which is part of the same item in the
95 County budget for which provision has been made. Any balance remaining at the end of the year
96 in any highway fund shall remain and be available for the same purpose in the ensuing year.

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98 **§ 3.09 Purchasing**

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100 (2) Highway Department Purchases.

101 (a) Pursuant to § 83.015(2), Wis. Stats., the Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~
102 Committee shall purchase such highway equipment as it deems necessary to properly
103 carry on the work of the department and trade or sell such used equipment as may be
104 considered to be for the best interests of the County, subject to the following
105 requirements:

106 1. Revolving funds accumulated for such purpose or appropriations made for such
107 purpose are available.

108 2. Subject to the provisions of Subsection (2)(b) below, contemplated purchases
109 of any complete unit of equipment having a value of \$100,000 or more shall require prior
110 approval by the County Board.

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112 (b) If the Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~ Committee, after meeting to consider the
113 alternatives available to it, determines that an emergency situation exists which can only
114 be resolved by the immediate purchase of equipment, any one complete unit of which
115 exceeds \$100,000, prior to when a County Board meeting is or can be timely scheduled,
116 the Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~ Committee may purchase such equipment, provided
117 that members of the County Board are thereafter given prompt, written notice of the
118 action.

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120 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all committee expenses are to come from the Solid Waste
121 Budget.

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Vote Required: Majority = ✓ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes ✓ No _____ as

reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, [Signature],

Date: 4/15/20

Approved for presentation to the County Board by Supervisor Billy Fried this 15th day of April, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

- Included in Resolution
 - Attached
 - N/A
- Offered and passage moved by:
[Signature]
Supervisor

Seconded by _____

- _____ Ayes
- _____ Nays
- _____ Absent
- _____ Abstain
- _____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 21th day April, 2026.

_____ Defeated

Tracy Hartman, County Clerk Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair



ONEIDA COUNTY
FISCAL IMPACT
2026

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Title	SW 25% of Public Works Per Diem	SW 100% of SW Committee Per Diem Exempt	
Salary Schedule			
Hourly Rate	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,900.00
Annual Hours	-		-
Estimated Amounts			
Wages	\$ 1,300	\$ 5,200	\$ 3,900
FICA & Medicare	99	398	298
Retirement	-	-	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-
Life Insurance	-	-	-
Income Continuation Ins.*	-	-	-
Workers Comp Ins.	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
Total Wage & Fringe	<u>\$ 1,402</u>	<u>\$ 5,606</u>	<u>\$ 4,205</u>

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ONEIDA COUNTY
FISCAL IMPACT
2026

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Title		HWY 100% of HWY Committee Per Diem	
Salary Schedule	HWY 75% of Public Works Per Diem	Exempt	
Hourly Rate	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
Annual Hours	-		-
 Estimated Amounts			
Wages	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,200	\$ 1,300
FICA & Medicare	298	398	99
Retirement	-	-	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-
Life Insurance	-	-	-
Income Continuation Ins.*	-	-	-
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