

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 11, 2026  
MINUTES**

**Committee members present:** Chairman Billy Fried; Scott Holewinski; Russ Fisher; Robb Jensen; Dan Hess; Steven Schreier.

**Unexcused Absence:** Showalter

**Call to order:** Chairman Fried called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

**Approve Amended Agenda:**

**Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier** to approve today's Amended Agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion.

**Vote on Motion:** 5 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter; 1 unable to vote due to technical difficulties, Holewinski

**Motion:** Passes

**Approve the Minutes of February 25, 2026:**

**Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier** to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2026.

**Vote on Motion:** 5 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter; 1 unable to vote due to technical difficulties, Holewinski

**Motion:** Passes

**Public comment:** None

**Register of Deeds Overlap Training Request:** Register of Deeds Kyle Franson reported that his Chief Deputy is retiring; the intent is to fill the position with one of the existing deputies. Franson explained that these changes would leave a vacancy and a deputy position would need to be filled. Franson stated that Laurie has been with the County for over 30 years. Franson explained that Frye has been in the office for 5 years and there will be a cost savings to the Department. Fried questioned if the proposed training request went through the Committee of Jurisdiction. Franson confirmed that it did and explained that the proposal is for one or two weeks. Lueneburg stated that the request is not common but it depends on the department. Franson explained that training takes a while. Discussion regarding the need for the position and the required training.

**Motion/Second: Jensen /Hess** to approve the Register of Deeds Overlap Training Request not to exceed two weeks and funded within the current budget.

**Vote on Motion:** 4 Aye; 2 Nay, Fried, Holewinski; 1 Absent, Showalter

**Motion:** Passes

**Resolution to Authorize 2025 Budget Transfers:** Finance Director Tina Smigielski stated that this is something that the Finance Department completes every year. Smigielski explained that the Departments have until the end of February to complete any line item transfers for the prior year, these transfers must be within their budget. Smigielski stated that she identifies any department that exceeds their overall budget allocation. Smigielski stated that this year, there are four departments

that went over their allocation. Smigielski presented a breakdown of the overages; reporting that Branch II went over by \$32,030, Insurance Premiums were higher than anticipated at \$149,260, LRES by \$14,687 due to a retirement and Human Service Residential Care was over by \$2 Million. Smigielski explained that these transfers can go to either the April or March County Board. Discussion regarding the cost of placement and the overage. Supervisor Jensen asked if Hoerchler could go over the different categories of placement and explain how children get placed in each. Human Service Department Director Beth Hoerchler went over the handout that was in the packet. Hoerchler stated that the number of kids have been reduced from a high of 101 in October of 2020 to the current amount of 74, so the amount of children in placement is less. Hoerchler noted that the cost of care has increased. Hoerchler explained the process of placing children and options to place, noting that Kinship care is the least expensive and Foster Care is the next less expensive route. Hoerchler reported that these are the least restrictive and best for the child. Hoerchler noted Residential Treatment Centers are very expensive. Human Service Financial Supervisor Heidi Chavez stated they do not have control over the costs as those costs are determined by the state. Discussion regarding the cost and process of determining which type of facility or placement when placing a child. Discuss regarding other options to fund the expense of out-of-home placement. Chavez went over funding sources, noting that there may still be additional funds received to offset the deficit. Smigielski went over options on closing out for the year and what to do with the deficit. Smigielski stated that we may know more a little later whether those additional funds will be received and recommended tabling the Resolution that was presented. It was determined to revisit this at the next meeting with the hopes of having more solid information to bring the Resolution to the April County Board meeting.

**Motion/Second: Fried/Schreier** to move Resolution to Authorize 2025 Budget Transfers to a future Executive Meeting.

**Vote on Motion:** All Aye

**Motion:** Passes

*Break called at 9:23 a.m.*

*Return from break at 9:27 a.m.*

**Bug Tussel BT1 –Series 2023 Bond – Oneida County project funds draw requests and approval process:** Fried stated that Ken Kortenhof is the new representative for the county. Fried explained that Kortenhof is filling the position that was held by Sweeney in the past. Smigielski went over the process of how payments are issued from the County to Bug Tussel. Smigielski noted that we need to make sure that the project is moving forward in the way that we are anticipating, as we are at the end of the project. Smigielski explained that there is a pending payment and after that is disbursed, the remaining Bond balance is \$1,546,000. Smigielski stated that she does not feel that she has the authority to delay payments to ensure completion. Smigielski recommended that when the Bond funds reach \$1,250,000, no more draws be approved until certain completion assurances are received. Discussion on a possible motion and how to proceed.

**Motion/Second: Jensen/Hess** once the Bug Tussel BT1 –Series 2023 Bond funds reaches \$1,250,000, no more draws will be approved until certain assurances are provided to the Oneida County Executive Committee.

**Discussion:** Hartman noted that there is a larger discussion going on with all of the other counties that are partnering with Bug Tussel.

**Vote on Motion:** All Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Closed Session** - It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant Section 19.85(1) (c), Wisconsin Stats., "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility" (Topic: Assistant Corporation Counsel Leave of Absence Request and Sheriff's Office Sworn Captain Wage). A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session and it is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed).

**Motion/Second:** **Schreier /Fisher** to go into Closed Session at 9:52 a.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** Holewinski, Aye; Fried, Aye; Fisher, Aye; Hess, Aye; Schreier, Aye; Jensen, Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Motion/Second:** **Hess/Schreier** to return to Open Session at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** Holewinski, Aye; Fried, Aye; Fisher, Aye; Hess, Aye; Schreier, Aye; Jensen, Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Announcement:** Chairman Fried announced that while in closed session no Motions were made and no action was taken.

**Motion/Second:** **Fisher/Jensen** to approve the request for a leave of absence for the Assistant Corporation Counsel for April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Vote on Motion:** All Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Motion/Second:** **Jensen/Hess** to approve the Sheriff's Office Captain position to start at step 8, \$101,939.37.

**Vote on Motion:** All Aye

**Motion:** Passes

**Public comment:** None

**Dates and items for future agenda/meetings:**

The next meeting dates were set for March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Fried adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

