

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER:

County Clerk Tracy Hartman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops, law enforcement officers and emergency responders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by Supervisor Condado.

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

Members Present: 21

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:

Judge Michael W. Schiek administered the Oath of Office of County Board Supervisor to the 21 Supervisors present. Supervisors were asked to sign their individual oath and return them to the Clerk.

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

Hartman stated that the Chair, Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair and Public Works Committee are elected at this meeting. Hartman explained the ballot process.

ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR: County Clerk Hartman opened nominations for County Board Chair.
Nomination: Timmons nominated **Holewinski**

Motion/Second: Cushing/Schultz to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 21 Aye

Motion Second: Schreier/Harris to waive the County Board rules of procedure and close the nominations and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Holewinski.

Roll Call Vote: 21 Aye

Chairman Holewinski thanked the board for voting him in as Chairman of the Oneida County Board. Holewinski went over future challenges such as budgeting and the transition with the Human Service Center.

ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD 1ST VICE-CHAIR: Chairman Holewinski opened nominations for County Board 1st Vice-Chair.

Nomination: Cushing nominated **Fisher**

Nomination: Jensen nominated **Harris**

Motion Second: Cushing/Schreier to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 21 Aye

Ballots cast and collected. Ballots counted, votes are as follow:

- Supervisor **Fisher** received 11 votes
- Supervisor **Harris** received 10 votes

Supervisor Fisher was voted in as Vice-Chair of the Oneida County Board.

ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD 2ND VICE-CHAIR: Chairman Holewinski opened nominations for County Board 2nd Vice-Chair.

Nomination: Cushing nominated **Harris**

Motion Second: Jensen/Schreier to waive county board rules of procedure and close nominations and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Diana Harris.

Roll Call Vote: 21 Aye

Supervisor Harris was voted the 2nd Vice-Chair of the Oneida County Board.

ELECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Vote for not more than 5. Ballots must be initialed.

Nomination: Fried nominated Cushing

Nomination: Timmons nominated Almekinder

Nomination: Jensen nominated Hess

Nomination: Almekinder nominated Timmons

Nomination: Tautges nominated Fried

Nomination: Hess nominated Jensen

Motion Second: Timmons/Cushing to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 21 Aye

Ballots cast and collected. Ballots counted, votes are as follows:

- Supervisor **Cushing** received 18 votes
- Supervisor **Almekinder** received 19 votes
- Supervisor **Hess** received 17 votes
- Supervisor **Timmons** received 17 votes
- Supervisor **Fried** received 18 votes
- Supervisor **Jensen** received 15 votes

Highway Committee Members: Cushing, Almekinder, Hess, Timmons, Fried

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. These appointments will occur on or before April 17 and you will be notified of your committee assignments by the County Clerk.
- Reminder to notify the County Clerk 48 hours in advance of attendance of any committee meeting that you are not a member. Discussion regarding possibly modifying the language on the Agendas.
- WCA welcome packet.
- Supervisor Orientation on April 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Cushing/Timmons to accept the Minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting. All "Aye", Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Transition Oversight Panel – Tyler Young - Young stated that there have been two meetings of the Oversight Panel since the last County Board meeting. Young explained there are issues with the condition of the Koinonia building. Young explained that 2012 was the last time it was looked at with recommendations for fixing. Young noted that the problem areas have gotten worse as many of those repairs were not completed. Young explained the problem with the roof at the existing Human Service Center Building. Young detailed some of the problem areas and stated that the panel recommended to the Human Service Center to do a complete repair. Young stated that it was recommended to do an inspection on the buildings and to go with the engineer MSA as they would be able to start on it this week. If they went with another engineer they would be waiting until June or July. Young stated that the Human Service Center Board meets this week and they are expecting them to set that in motion. Young discussed different work groups that have been set.
- Broadband Report – Jeff Verdoorn stated that Sweeney is the project manager. Verdoorn went over a report that Sweeney provided. Verdoorn stated that the Solid Waste tower is in the final stages of the permitting process. Verdoorn stated that Michaels has been contracted for the first year of fiber outlay. Verdoorn stated that the engineering company has been working all winter to getting the engineering laid out. Verdoorn stated that a comprehensive update was received from Bug Tussel on the 15 counties that have agreed to this bonding project. Verdoorn gave an update on Marathon County explaining that they are a couple of years ahead of Oneida County and are two years into their process. Discussion of cost and past supply chain issues. Verdoorn stated that the BEAD grant is still in process. Sweeney stated that construction started yesterday with material being put in the ground. Sweeney gave some information regarding the company Michaels. Sweeney gave updates on tower sites. Discussion regarding the funding and who the dividends are allocated to.
- Land Information Annual Report – Land Information Director Sara Chiamulera stated that the annual report is in the packet. Chiamulera stated that there is a new aerial photo flight being completed, it was 5 years since the last one. Chiamulera stated that in the fall of this year the imagery should be updated.
- Health Department Annual Report – Public Health Director Linda Conlon stated that the annual report is in the packet. Conlon stated there is a lot of information in the report. Conlon stated that Dr. Furda is a retired

cardiologist and has been working in the office advising clients that have a cardiac diagnosis. Conlon gave a brief overview of the report, this summarized programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes):

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Winkler of Newbold spoke regarding Resolution 48 – 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 43 – 2024: Offered by the Land Records Committee to convey tax foreclosed property PIN RH-906 to Michael Vanderbunt and Lori Vanderbunt.

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 below 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 9th day of April, 2024.

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

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

Roll Call Vote: 21

Motion: Adopted

Supervisor Almekinder requested that Resolution # 44 – 2024 be pulled from the agenda

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution # 44 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Highway Backup Generator Project.

Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Highway Backup Generator Project.

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

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

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

WHEREAS, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

WHEREAS, the County established the Funding Opportunities Committee (FOC) to provide direction and guidance on the use of the CLFRF; and

WHEREAS, the FOC developed an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan dated September 27, 2021 which ranked certain requests as “high” indicating the project or program resolves long-term, pressing issues; and / or addresses serious health and public safety risks; and / or has a widespread impact; and / or addresses a financial burden on the County; and / or has well-defined ancillary benefits; and

WHEREAS, the FOC, after thoughtful consideration of USTD regulations, further recommends County program funding thresholds by CLFRF category as follows: Public Health / Economic Development \$2,000,000; Premium Pay \$0; Infrastructure \$1,700,000; Government Services \$3,000,000; and Contingency of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, due to the administrative burden of tracking and reporting expenditures under the program only those projects or programs with an aggregate value over a three-year period of \$100,000 are considered; and

WHEREAS, only those projects or programs which are “shovel-ready” or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Committee has reviewed the guidance issued by the UST, given consideration to the request from the Highway Department, and supports funding the Highway Backup Generator Project under the Government Services category, and

WHEREAS, The Highway Backup Generator Project will help ensure that the department will be able to operate and respond to emergencies during a power outage. A request for \$35,300.00 is presently made. Timeline for delivery of the complete trucks is dependent on availability, and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective on the 16th Day of April 2024, this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 8th day of April, 2024.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Scott Holewinski

Discussion: Almekinder stated there is an error in the Resolution that needs to be corrected.

Motion/Second: Almekinder/Timmons to amend line 55 and 56 and strike the words “Timeline for delivery of the complete trucks is dependent on availability”.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment to Resolution # 44 – 2024: 21 Aye

Amendment to Resolution # 44 – 2024: Adopted

Discussion: Almekinder stated that this Resolution is for two generators, one in Minocqua and the other for the brine building.

Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution # 44 – 2024: 21

Amended Resolution # 44 – 2024: Adopted

Resolution # 45 – 2024: Offered by Supervisor Robert Almekinder to appoint Jill Nemec as the Forestry Director.

Seconded by Cushing.

Resolution to appoint Forestry Director.

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

WHEREAS, the Forestry, Land & Recreation (FLR) Committee did receive a retirement notice from the incumbent Forestry Director and instructed the Labor Relations Employee Services Department to conduct a recruitment to fill the position; and

WHEREAS, the FLR Committee recommended the Chair of the Committee be a part of the interview team, who interviewed three qualified candidates for the position of Forestry director; and

WHEREAS, the interview team unanimously selected a candidate and recommends the hiring of Ms. Jill Nemec as the Forestry Director contingent upon County Board approval; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Jill Nemec as the Forestry Director under the following conditions:

1. The effective date of the appointment shall be as early as the day after confirmation by the County Board or as late as May 5, 2024, and
2. For compensation purposes, Ms. Jill Nemec shall be compensated as follows:
 - a. Hire rate at Grade Level O, Step 6 of the Oneida County Exempt Wage Schedule
 - b. Effective the first of the payroll period after six months of employment, based on satisfactory performance evaluation, increase to Grade Level O, Step 7
 - c. Effective the first of the payroll period after an additional six months of employment, based on satisfactory performance evaluation, increase to Grade Level O, Step 11

- d. Effective on the day of hire, Ms. Nemeč shall receive 264 hours of Paid Time Off (PTO); and be placed at Year 14 of the Paid Time Off schedule in lieu of the standard PTO for a new hire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that an amendment has been made to the County budget for fiscal year 2024 to meet all projected costs for the position as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Almekinder, Ted Cushing

Discussion: Almekinder stated that Forestry Director Paul Fiene is leaving and they are recommending Nemeč as the replacement. Charbarneau stated that Nemeč has been a Forester for almost 25 years. Charbarneau explained that she has a wide range of experience for this position and went over some of her background. Nemeč thanked the board and stated she looks forward to working for the County.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 45 – 2024: 21 Aye

Resolution # 45 – 2024: Adopted

Resolution # 46 – 2024: Offered by Supervisor Robert Almekinder to request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Purchasing a Heavy Equipment Trailer: Forestry Department.

Seconded by Sorgel.

Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of Purchasing a Heavy Equipment Trailer: Forestry Department.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by Supervisor Robert Almekinder, District 19. Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

WHEREAS, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

WHEREAS, the County established the Funding Opportunities Committee (FOC) to provide direction and guidance on the use of the CLFRF; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan in conjunction with the 2023 budget which includes projects or programs to resolve long-term, pressing issues; and / or address serious health and public safety risks; and / or has a widespread impact; and / or address a financial burden on the County; and / or has well-defined ancillary benefits; and

WHEREAS, only those projects or programs which are “shovel-ready” or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee, a subcommittee of the Administration Committee, supports the purchase of a heavy equipment trailer by the Forestry Department as an amendment to the 2023 County’s Relief Funding Plan; and, after review of UST guidance identifies the spending as Government Services category, and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Department has a 2005 heavy equipment trailer that is near the end of safe use and a replacement trailer will be required in order to continue to safely transport equipment for the maintenance of the County Forest roads, trails and parks, and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee is in agreement and recommends this purchase be funded using \$30,000 in CLFRF funds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

Approved by Supervisor Robert Almekinder, District 19, this 9th day of April, 2024.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Almekinder, Collette Sorgel

Discussion: Fiene stated that originally they had requested a CIP project to purchase a dump truck to replace the 2001 dump truck. Fiene noted that the intent was to replace both the truck and trailer. The approved CIP funding was \$205,000 and the bids came in for just the truck at \$204,600. Fiene explained that the over 20 year old trailer is a safety hazard and they are requesting ARPA funding to cover the purchase of the trailer. Fried gave some background on ARPA funding.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 46 – 2024: 21 Aye

Resolution # 46 – 2024: Adopted

Resolution # 47 – 2024: Offered by Supervisor Scott Holewinski to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of the Oneida County Sidewalk Improvements.

Seconded by Cushing.

Resolution to Request Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) allocated to Oneida County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Purpose of the Oneida County Sidewalk Improvements.

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

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amends Title VI of the Social Security Act by adding Sections 602 and 603 establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, Oneida County receives funds through CLFRF to assist the County in responding to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; to provide premium pay to eligible workers; to make necessary investments in infrastructure; and/or to provide government services; and

WHEREAS, certain restrictions of the use of these funds are determined by the United States Treasury (UST) Department including the prohibition of depositing the funds into any pension fund; directly or indirectly offsetting tax revenue; and does limit the amount of CLFRF funding to be used for “government services” to a not-to-exceed revenue reduction cap; and

WHEREAS, the County established the Funding Opportunities Committee (FOC) to provide direction and guidance on the use of the CLFRF; and

WHEREAS, the FOC developed an Oneida County Relief Funding Plan dated September 27, 2021 which ranked certain requests as “high” indicating the project or program resolves long-term, pressing issues; and / or addresses serious health and public safety risks; and / or has a widespread impact; and / or addresses a financial burden on the County; and / or has well-defined ancillary benefits; and

WHEREAS, the FOC, after thoughtful consideration of UST regulations, further recommends County program funding thresholds by CLFRF category as follows: Public Health / Economic Development \$2,000,000; Premium Pay \$0; Infrastructure \$1,700,000; Government Services \$3,000,000; and Contingency of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, due to the administrative burden of tracking and reporting expenditures under the program only those projects or programs with an aggregate value over a three-year period of \$100,000 is considered; and

WHEREAS, only those projects or programs which are “shovel-ready” or set to commence, if funded, upon approval of this Resolution are entertained at this stage to ensure UST requirements of funding obligation no later than December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee, a subcommittee of the Administration Committee, supports the Oneida County Sidewalk Improvements as an amendment to the 2023 County’s Relief Funding Plan; and, after review of UST guidance identifies the spending under the Government Services category, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Sidewalk Improvements project involves replacing crucial infrastructure at the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center to address safety, accessibility, and durability concerns, and

WHEREAS, the project includes upgrading the garage approaches, partially replacing door aprons, and adding new sidewalk sections to improve both functionality and aesthetics at the Law Enforcement Center. The Courthouse requires the replacement of sidewalk panels, driveway panels, and an ADA ramp with truncated domes. The project will start in June 2024 and be completed no later than October 31, 2024. A request for \$20,000 in CLFRF funds is presently made and detailed in the attached CLFRF Fiscal Impact form, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee, a subcommittee of the Administration Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that effective on the 16th Day of April 2024, this project / program be funded using CLFRF funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by Adoption of this resolution the project / program will be reevaluated annually as part of the budget process to determine need and available funding for future years.

Offered and passage moved by: Scott Holewinski, Ted Cushing

Newman left at 10:38 a.m.

Discussion: Fried stated that this was initially a CIP project. Fried explained the difference of CIP funding sources and ARPA funding. Huber stated that \$80,000 was allocated for this project and the bids came in at \$106,000. Huber explained that the City of Rhinelander will pay for the aprons. Huber stated that this request is to partially fund the project with ARPA funds to cover the difference.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 47 – 2024: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Newman

Resolution # 47 – 2024: Adopted

Resolution # 48 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to create a County Administrative Coordinator Position.

Resolution to create a County Administrative Coordinator Position.

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

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

WHEREAS, in June 2023, Oneida County hired Allyson Brunette Consulting to explore a new management model and guide an inclusive process involving elected County Board Supervisors and department heads; and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, the County Board moved to have the Administration Committee review the S.W.O.T. (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis prepared by Brunette Consulting and bring back implementation options for consideration to the County Board; and

WHEREAS, during several meetings, the Administration Committee looked at four options: create full time County Administrator, create full or part time Administrative Coordinator, strengthen the current model and create a County Liaison position; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee supports and recommends the creation of a part time (10-20 hours/week), standalone Administrative Coordinator and will report to the Executive Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors to create a part time Administrative Coordinator position effective April 17, 2024, for up to twenty (20) hours per week; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the current Human Resources/Administrative Coordinator position shall be changed to Human Resources Director position and remain in Grade Level T of the exempt wage schedule until the incumbent employee leaves the County's employ; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that upon the incumbent employee vacating the position, the Human Resources Director position shall be placed in Grade Level S of the exempt wage schedule; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the stipend for the remainder of 2024 will not exceed twenty-two thousand, nine hundred sixty (\$22, 960 dollars), received as a monthly stipend; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that a fiscal impact statement, which is attached hereto and made apart thereof with monies, included in the approved 2024 budget.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Administration Committee this 5th day of April, 2024.

Offered and passage moved by: Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Scott Holewinski, Billy Fried, Steven Schreier

Newman returned at 10:43 am.

Discussion: Fried stated that there was a SWOT analysis completed. Fried stated that the County runs good and the direction they were looking at was to enhance the current model. Fried stated that this proposal is a part time Administrative Coordinator. Schreier noted that it was a long process and they did their due diligence looking at all options. Schreier stated that this is not another level of bureaucracy, this is a coordinator. Schreier feels that this is the ideal situation for the department heads and all of the employees. Schreier stated this will streamline current issues. Schreier explained that this is a starting point and it will be re-evaluated to see if it is meeting its intended purpose. Schreier stated that he strongly advocates for this Resolution. Holewinski stated that this is the best thing financially and will answer to the Executive Committee. Hess questioned that there was a concern that this was another layer of bureaucracy and where the funding was coming from. Holewinski reported that the funds were allocated in the budget. Holewinski stated this is a helping position. Fisher explained that this position does not have any decision making ability. Cushing stated that this is the right decision and supports this. Fried noted that Charbarneau has held one of these titles and should be applauded for helping with this. Fried explained that this position will evolve and supports the Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 48 – 2024: 21 Aye

Resolution # 48 – 2024: Adopted

Other: Request by Husch Blackwell to waive conflict of interest to represent GLITCI in BOA Appeal.

Discussion: Fugle went over some background regarding this situation. Fugle stated that Husch Blackwell worked for Oneida County in the past and is requesting that Oneida County waive the conflict of interest so they can represent GLITCI.

Motion/Second: Cushing/Schreier to waive the conflict of interest for Husch Blackwell.

Discussion: Fried stated that he is against this. Fried feels that there is no reason to waive the conflict of interest and it may be an issue in the future.

Vote: 15 Aye; 6 Nay, Ives, Fried, Fisher, Sorgel, Hanus, Jensen

Motion: Adopted

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME May 21st, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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