

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 21st, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER:

Administrative Coordinator/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 Tautges.

Members Present: Robb Jensen, Michael Tautges, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Sandy Hamburg, Andrea Sheppard, Mary Roth Burns, Kyle Kilbourn, Robert Briggs, Debbie Condado, Dan Hess, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez, Greg Oettinger, Russ Fisher, Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Scott Holewinski, Kyle Timmons, and Linnaea Newman.

Absent: Showalter

Members Present: 20

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:

Judge Mary Sowinski administered the Oath of Office of County Board Supervisor to the 20 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: Administrative Coordinator/County Clerk Hartman opened nominations for County Board Chair.

Nomination: Fried nominated Holewinski

Motion Second: Jensen/Cushing 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: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

Supervisor Holewinski was voted in as Chair of the Oneida County Board.

Newly re-elected Oneida County Chairman Holewinski thanked the board for voting him in for his third term. Holewinski congratulated the returning County Board Supervisors and welcomed the new Supervisors. Holewinski presented past County Board accomplishments that resulted in cost savings to the County. Holewinski listed changing the Tri-county Human Service Program into individual Human Services Departments, the creation of a County Administrative Coordinator, and changing the Administrative Committee to the Executive Committee. Holewinski noted that from 2002 to 2025, the federal government provided approximately \$7 million in ARPA funding. These funds supported major capital projects but will not be available going forward. Holewinski discussed the budget and shortfalls, noting that there will need to be budget cuts.

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

Nomination: Cushing nominated Fisher

Motion Second: Fried/Tautges to waive the County Board rules of procedure and close the nominations and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Russ Fisher for 1st Vice-Chair.

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

Motion: Passes

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: Jensen nominated **Tautges**

Nomination: Cushing nominated **Hess**

Motion/Second: Sorgel/Cushing to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

Motion: Passes

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

- Supervisor Hess received 13 votes

- Supervisor Tautges received 7 votes

Supervisor Hess 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: Almekinder nominated **Fried**

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Nomination: Sorgel nominated **Jensen**

Nomination: Hess nominated **Cushing**

Nomination: Briggs nominated **Oettinger**

Nomination: Holewinski nominated **Hess**

Motion Second: Briggs/Hess to close nominations.

Roll Call Vote: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

Each nominated Supervisor presented their experience and why they should be voted on to the Public Works Committee.

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

- Supervisor Fried received 18 votes

- Supervisor Almekinder received 17 votes

- Supervisor Jensen received 10 votes

- Supervisor Cushing received 17 votes

- Supervisor Oettinger received 15 votes

- Supervisor Hess received 20 votes

Supervisors Fried, Almekinder, Cushing, Oettinger and Hess were voted in as the five Public Works Committee Members.

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.
- Supervisor Orientation on May 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Cushing/Hess to accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting. All “Aye”; Motion carried.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Broadband Report – Executive Director of the Oneida County Economic Development Corporation, Tony Pharo presented his report. Pharo reported that there was a virtual meeting on April 10th with Bug Tussel. Pharo stated that by the end of May there is expected to be approximately 175 miles live and the project is expected to finish with a total of 225 live miles. Ken Korten Hof stated there are discussions regarding moving forward with connecting the buildings. Pharo stated there is another meeting set for May with Bug Tussel.
- Register of Deeds Annual Report – Register of Deeds, Kyle Franson presented his annual report. Franson announced that his Chief Deputy Laurie DeMeyer is retiring after over 30 years of service to the County and thanked her for her years of service.
- Land Information Annual Report – Land Information Director Sara Chiamulera presented her report.
- Health Department Annual Report – Public Health Director Linda Conlon presented her annual report. Conlon stated her department has been very successful in obtaining grant funding. Conlon reported that they have expanded some services, including becoming a Regional WIC program by combining with Vilas County. Conlon went over the impact of Federal Cuts to her department.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes):

- Sign attendance form at the podium. Eric Rempala of Irma, property owner of Cassian and member of Oneida County Clean Waters Action, spoke regarding the impact of Oneida County Clean Waters Action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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.

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

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

Resolution # 28 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee 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 court ordered to be placed outside of their homes. Court ordered placements are the responsibility of the county. There is little to no funding sources available for these placements. There is a statewide effort by counties to request the state provide more funding to address rising caseloads and costs.

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has reviewed and does recommend the 2025 budget transfers as presented, and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors authorizes Finance Director to execute the budget transfers as presented.

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

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Russ Fisher, Robb Jensen, Steven Schreier, Dan Hess, Connor Showalter.

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

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 March, 2026.

Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Scott Holewinski, Russ Fisher, Robb Jensen, Steven Schreier, Dan Hess, Connor Showalter.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Offered and passage moved by: Dan Hess, Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Connor Showalter.

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

Roll Call Vote: 20; 1 Absent, Showalter

Motion: Adopted

Cushing requested Resolution # 27 - 2026 be pulled from Consent and placed on the Regular Agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

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

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 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 investments 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, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Offered and passage moved by: Russ Fisher, Linnaea Newman, James Unger, Ted Cushing, Melanie Fralick, Joan Hauer, Rita Mahner.

Discussion: Cushing stated that this Resolution has already been passed by the County Board.

Motion/Second: Cushing/Condado to indefinitely postpone Resolution # 27 – 2026.

Resolution # 27 – 2026: 20; 1 Absent, Showalter

Motion: Passes

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

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.

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

Offered and passage moved by: Ted Cushing, Billy Fried, Robert Almekinder, Robb Jensen, Dan Hess.

Discussion: Lueneburg presented the Resolution to appoint Ben Rich as the Highway Commissioner. Lueneburg stated that the Committee voted unanimously and selected Rich out of all of the candidates that applied. Lueneburg gave some background on Rich.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 31 – 2026: 20 Aye; 1 Absent, Showalter

Resolution # 31 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 32 – 2026: Offered by Supervisor Billy Fried to Create a Solid Waste Committee. Seconded by Cushing.

Resolution to create a Solid Waste Committee.

Ordinance Amendment offered by Supervisor Billy Fried.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Oneida County to have an efficient system of governance; and **WHEREAS**, the current structure is inefficient to address the issues presented by two departments (Highway Department and Solid Waste Department) to the same Committee (Public Works and Solid Waste Committee); and,

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

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

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. The following sections (2.30, of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, are amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by ~~strikethrough~~]:

§ 2.30. Committees.

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

(2) Appointed.

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

<u>Solid Waste Committee</u>	<u>5 County Board Supervisors</u>
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(3) Elective. The County Public Works and ~~Solid Waste Committee~~ shall consist of five members and shall be elected by the County Board at the organizational meeting of the Board in the year the Board is elected, with such committee members serving two-year terms. The procedure for nomination and election of Public Works and ~~Solid Waste Committee~~ members shall be the same as that for the nomination and election of the County Board Chair, except that the use of secret ballots shall not be permitted.

§ 2.31. Rules Governing County Board Committees, Boards and Commissions.

(7) Committees of Jurisdiction, Reports.

a. Designation of Committee of Jurisdiction. The elected officials and department heads of the County shall report to the following committees of jurisdiction and are encouraged to meet with such committees on a regular basis, and shall meet when specifically requested:

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>

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

The Highway [~~Public Works and Solid Waste~~] Committee shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed by Ch. 83, Wis. Stats., as amended from time to time. This committee shall also perform all duties listed in Oneida County Code § 8.04. The members of the Public Works and ~~Solid Waste~~ Committee are entitled to a maximum per diem (in addition to necessary expenses) of not more than \$3,500 per year.

§ 2.43. (Reserved) Solid Waste Committee

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

(2) Powers and Duties.

- (a) Approve the bills and expenses of the Solid Waste Department
- (b) Assist in the preparation of the annual budget for the Solid Waste Department.
- (c) Perform all duties listed in Oneida County Code § 8.04

§ 3.07 Expenditure of Highway Funds.

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

§ 3.09 Purchasing

(2) Highway Department Purchases.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all committee expenses are to come from the Solid Waste Budget. Approved for presentation to the County Board by Supervisor Billy Fried this 15th day of April, 2026.
Offered and passage moved by: Billy Fried, Ted Cushing.

Discussion: Fried stated that Solid Waste is currently under the Highway Department Committee; this Resolution forms a separate Committee for Solid Waste. Fried stated that this is a separate business unit and there are several challenges that are going on. Fried stated that separating it out would give more attention to these issues.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 32 – 2026: 18 Aye; 2 Nay, Jensen, Kilbourn; 1 Absent, Showalter
Resolution # 32 – 2026: Passes

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME May 19th, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.
Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.