

MINUTES
Oneida County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room - 2nd Floor Oneida County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Holewinski 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: Billy Fried, Ted Cushing, Mitch Ives, Wayne Kulhanek, Michael Tautges, Kyle Timmons, Chris Schultz, Bob Almekinder, Robert Briggs, Debbie Condado, Dan Hess, Collette Sorgel, Lenore Lopez, Steven Schreier, Scott Holewinski, Robb Jensen, and Linnaea Newman.

Absent: Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger

Student Representative: Vella Walden

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Please use a microphone when speaking.

ELECTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD 2ND VICE-CHAIR:

Holewinski explained that due to Supervisor Harris stepping down on November 30, 2025, the Second Vice-Chair position needs to be voted on. Holewinski opened nominations for the Second Vice-Chair.

Nomination: Holewinski **nominated** Dan Hess.

Motion/Second: Jensen/Schreier to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Dan Hess for Oneida County Board 2nd Vice-Chair.

Roll Call Vote: 16 Aye; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger; 1 Vacant, District 9; 1 Student Aye, Wallen

Supervisor Dan Hess was appointed as 2nd Vice-Chair.

APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION/SWEARING IN OF DISTRICT # 9 SUPERVISOR WAYNE

KULHANEK: Holewinski explained that vacancies of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors shall be filled by appointment by the Oneida County Chair, subject to confirmation of the County Board. Holewinski presented Wayne Kulhanek to fill the District 9 vacancy, requesting the County Board confirm the appointment.

Motion/Second: Schreier/Hess to appoint Wayne Kulhanek as the District 9 Supervisor.

Vote on Motion: 16 Aye; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger; 1 Vacant, District 9 Supervisor; 1 Student, Wallen

Administrative Coordinator/County Clerk Tracy Hartman swore in Wayne Kulhanek as the District 9 Supervisor.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2025 MEETING:

Motion/Second: Schreier/Sorgel to accept the Minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting. All "Aye"; Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit of three minutes):

Sign the attendance form at the podium. Three Lakes Chairman Roger Brisk spoke in support of Resolution # 11 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025. Jacqui Sharpe of Three Lakes spoke in support of Resolution # 11 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025. Brian Slizewski of Three Lakes and owner of short term rental business spoke regarding the proposed Ordinance Amendment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution # 01 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Lands PIN MI-2406-3 to the Town of Minocqua.

Resolution to convey tax foreclosed lands.

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) MI-2406-3, described in Exhibit A below has been offered for public sale pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 18 of the General Code of Oneida County, WI; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 18.4(7) of the Code, and WI Stat 75.69(2) provides guidance for conveyance to municipalities; and the Town of Minocqua wishes to acquire parcel MI-2406-3 from the County and agrees to pay the County the minimum bid cost of \$100; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received for the property, however after reviewing the request from the Town which is included in Exhibit B, and since this parcel is a small sliver of land adjacent to town road right-of-way, the Land Records Committee has determined it would be in the best interest of Oneida County to convey the parcel by Quit Claim Deed to the Town of Minocqua for public road right-of-way purposes; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the conveyance of parcel MI-2406-3, listed in Exhibit A below, to the Town of Minocqua for the amount due 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 Town of Minocqua, 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 a Quit Claim Deed 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 13th day January, 2026.

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

Resolution # 02 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed and Other County Real Estate PIN CA-48-2 to Brian Topp; PIN HA-48 to Adam J. Wallace and Jessica R. Wallace; PIN MI-2211-6 to Marie Jane EFTAX Trust; PIN NE-537 to Brian Topp; PIN RH-2632-1 to Vital Properties, LLC; PIN SU-1424-2 to William Rickert.

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 13th day of January, 2026.

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

Resolution # 03 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Excess County Lands Part of CA-357-4 to Melody K. Yeager.

Resolution to convey excess county lands to Yeager.

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, Oneida County retained a 100 foot strip of land on each side of the center line of existing roads crossing the SE ¼ - NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 37 North, Range 6 East, as recorded in the Register of Deeds, Volume 64 of Deeds on Page 573, Document # 115085, recorded on March 1st, 1943; and,

WHEREAS, a request has been made to Oneida County from the adjoining landowner listed in Exhibit A below requesting that a portion of said strip of land described above adjacent to Lakewood RD in the Town of Cassian be conveyed to the them as they are the present adjoining owners of the land, and they have paid the \$250.00 administrative fee to process this request; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Cassian has been notified of such request, and if the Town has no objection to conveying the excess lands to the adjoining landowner; the Land Records Committee recommends that the parcel described in Exhibit A be conveyed to the adjoining landowner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby approves conveying the parcel described in Exhibit A below to the adjoining landowner, and authorizes the County Clerk, upon receipt of the \$30 deed recording fee, issue a quit claim deed conveying any interest the County has in the description noted below in Exhibit A.

Offered and passage moved by: Robert Briggs, Ted Cushing, Kyle Timmons

Resolution # 04 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the ADRC Committee to accept a donation to the ADRC from Red Arrow.

Resolution to accept Donation from the Red Arrow.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the ADRC Committee.

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute s 59.52(19) requires that the County Board approves all donations to the county; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County Resolution #37-2019 adopted the Oneida County Acceptance of Monetary, Non-Monetary and In-Kind Donation Policy; and

WHEREAS, The ADRC was notified on September 26th, 2025 that a donation in the amount of \$2,500 made to the ADRC was made by Red Arrow; and

WHEREAS, The donation specifies that the funds be used to support the Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, The ADRC provides essential services to the adult, aging and disabled citizens of Oneida County and the donation would benefit the citizens of Oneida County;

WHEREAS, The use of the funds will be spent in the Senior Nutrition Program, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that Oneida County accepts the generous donation from Red Arrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the Oneida County ADRC Committee will approve use of any and all funds provided through this donation.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the ADRC Committee this 18th day of January, 2025.

Offered and passage moved by: Rita Mahner, Russ Fisher, Ted Cushing, Linnaea Newman, Debbie Condado, Joan Hauer, Melanie Fralick

Resolution # 05 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Reclassify a Full-Time Finance Specialist to a Full-Time Accountant, and a Part-Time Finance Specialist to a Part-Time Finance Technician.

Resolution to reclassify a full time Finance Specialist to a full time Accountant, and a part time Finance Specialist to a part time Finance Technician.

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, the Finance Director desires to revisit roles within the Finance Department to establish a clear pathway for career progression, improved use of technology to ensure sound internal controls and strong processes, and to place a stronger emphasis on accounting and auditing tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department currently has one full-time (1.0), and one part-time (0.60) Finance Specialist positions approved in the 2026 budget. The full-time Finance Specialist will be upgraded to a full-time Accountant, moving from Grade I to Grade J, and the part-time Finance Specialist will be downgraded to a part-time Finance Technician, moving from Grade I to Grade H; and

WHEREAS, the title of Accountant was added to the Exempt Wage Scale Grade Level J in 2022 but not formerly approved via Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this change in Department structure will realize a budgetary savings and improved efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this Finance Department restructuring and the position of Accountant be created retroactively to January 3, 2026; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this Finance Department restructuring is approved.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 17th day of December, 2025.

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

Resolution # 06 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to adjust the Planning and Zoning Department Application Review Fee Schedule.

Resolution to adjust the Planning and Zoning Department, Application Review Fee Schedule.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Department has the responsibility to review all permit applications, preliminary survey maps and condominium documents pursuant to Chapter 9 - Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, Chapter 13 - Private On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems Ordinance, Chapter 20 - Floodplain Zoning and Chapter 15 - Subdivision and Platting Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee desires the Planning and Zoning Department to be financially self-supporting as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Department has reviewed and compared fee schedules for a tourist rooming house of other counties in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2025, the Planning and Development Committee discussed details on administrative fees charged by other counties for a tourist rooming house; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee recommends the fees for a tourist rooming house administrative review permit and a tourist rooming house annual renewal application be increased to \$500.00 each; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee recommends the fees be increased according to the attached fee schedule with an effective date of January 1, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors adopts the attached fee schedule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the adopted fee schedule attached is effective January 1, 2026.

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

Resolution # 07 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee to Purchase One (1) Patrol Truck Chassis.

Resolution to Purchase One (1) Patrol Truck Chassis.

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 Oneida County Public Works Committee and the Highway Department seek to purchase one (1) Patrol Truck Chassis; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department had this equipment purchase approved through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and funds have been designated for the purchase of one (1) Patrol Truck Chassis and Attachments available for 2026 in the amount of \$390,000; and

WHEREAS, national supply-chain issues may cause delay in the manufacture and delivery of the equipment therefore funds are being committed in 2026 but delivery is not anticipated until 2027; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County Code sec 3.09(2) requires County Board approval of purchases over \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department and Public Works Committee believe that one (1) new Patrol Truck Chassis can be purchased for the price of One Hundred Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$161,788.72); and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department have assessed their needs and determined that the purchase of one (1) new Patrol Truck Chassis is in the best interest of the department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department seek to use a General Fund loan to purchase the aforementioned Patrol Truck Chassis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department are authorized to purchase one (1) new Patrol Truck Chassis for the price of One Hundred Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$161,788.72); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works Committee and the Highway Department are authorized to use available funds in the General Fund through the Capital Improvement Program for the aforementioned purchase.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Public Works Committee this 7th day of January, 2026.

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

Resolution # 08 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee to Approve the Forestry Department 2026 Annual Work Plan.

Resolution to approve the Forestry Department 2026 Annual Work Plan.

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

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

WHEREAS, as stated in §28.11 (5)(b), administration of county forests requires counties with land enrolled in the county forest program, to develop a county board approved annual work plan and budget; and

WHEREAS, said plan should outline the projects and work duties scheduled for the upcoming year, as well as the accounts and funds required to execute the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2026 Forestry Department budget at their annual budget meeting held on November, 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee unanimously approved the 2026 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan at their monthly committee meeting held on December 9, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee and approve the 2026 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit #1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan shall be appended to the existing Oneida County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Forestry Department send a copy of the approved 2026 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan and the associated county board approved resolution to the WDNR.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee this 9th day of December, 2025.

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

Resolution # 09 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee Authorizing the Engagement of Outside Counsel on a Contingency Fee Basis to Initiate Lawsuit(s) Against Companies that Designed, Manufactured, Marketed, Distributed, and/or Sold Fluorosurfactant Products that Contaminated the Soil, Groundwater and Surface Water of Oneida County with Highly Toxic Compounds.

Resolution to Authorizing the engagement of outside counsel on a contingency fee basis to initiate lawsuit(s) against companies that designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold Fluorosurfactant Products that contaminated the soil, groundwater and surface water of Oneida County with highly toxic compounds

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, Oneida County (“the County”) is presently contaminated with highly toxic compounds identified as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”), including perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”); and

WHEREAS, PFOA and PFOS have long been manufactured as components for aqueous film-forming foam (“AFFF”), which is a product used to control and extinguish aviation, marine, fuel, and other shallow spill fires by coating the ignited fuel source, preventing its contact with oxygen and thereby suppressing combustion; and

WHEREAS, AFFF was stored, handled and used on airport property, allowing PFAS compounds to migrate into the environment, contaminating soil, groundwater and surface water; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1960s to the present time, certain companies designed, manufactured, formulated, marketed, promoted, distributed Fluorosurfactant Products (i.e. PFOA, PFOS, the chemical precursors of PFOA and/or PFOS, and/or AFFF containing PFOA, PFOS, and/or their chemical precursors) throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the subject companies knew or reasonably should have known the risks and dangers associated with the use of Fluorosurfactant Products, including the fact that PFAS compounds contained in Fluorosurfactant Products are mobile in water, not easily biodegradable, highly persistent in the environment and present significant and unreasonable risks to human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the subject companies knowingly placed Fluorosurfactant Products like AFFF into the United States stream of commerce for decades, while concealing their knowledge of the toxic nature and harmful effects associated with these products; and

WHEREAS, the use of AFFF for fire protection, training and response activities, released PFAS compounds into the environment, even when used as directed by the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, by the 1970s, the subject companies knew or reasonably should have known that PFOA and PFOS were highly toxic compounds that resisted natural degradation, and that would migrate through the subsurface when sprayed, easily mixing with the groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the subject companies continued to manufacture, distribute and sell AFFF with the knowledge that AFFF could be made without PFOA or PFOS, and that such fluorine-free foams would not release harmful PFOA or PFOS into the environment; and

WHEREAS, PFOA and PFOS are known carcinogens that can be absorbed into the lungs and gastrointestinal tract, potentially causing severe damage to the liver, kidneys and central nervous system, as well as genetic damage; and

WHEREAS, by the early 1980s the industry noticed a correlation between PFOA exposure and human health, including birth defects in children; and

WHEREAS, despite knowing the dangers and risks, the subject companies designed, manufactured, marketed and sold AFFF with instructions on how to dispose of AFFF by washing the foam into the soil and wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the subject companies failed to warn users of AFFF of the dangers inherent in its use, and failed to issue warnings or recalls of AFFF despite knowing the identity of its purchasers; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner, operator, and actual possessor of real property and improvements – including the Oneida County Airport and adjacent property. [A number of PFAS compounds, including PFOA and PFOS, have been detected in groundwater and/or soil samples]; and

WHEREAS, the invasion of the County with PFOA and PFOS is continuous and recurring as new contamination flows into the soil and water daily; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to recover damages arising from the continuous and ongoing contamination of its property by Fluorosurfactant Products, including the past and future costs associated with the investigation, monitoring, remediation and restoration of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County provides a multitude of programs and services to its citizens, taxpayers, residents and visitors, and the resources that the County directs toward PFAS remediation cannot be used for other essential programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the County is aware that other counties and local governments have filed lawsuits against the responsible companies to force those companies to assume financial responsibility for the costs that otherwise must be borne by the governments and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent for the County to explore every option available to recover damages and avoid the necessary expenditure of potentially millions of dollars in unexpected and unbudgeted resources related to PFAS remediation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Oneida County Board of Supervisors ("County Board") hereby makes the following resolutions:

1. The County engages the outside counsel according to the terms and conditions set forth in the proposed engagement letter, a copy of which has been provided to the County Board at the time of the meeting adopting this Resolution, and authorizes the Corporation Counsel to execute the engagement letter on behalf of the County.
2. As set forth in the engagement letter, (a) outside counsel will not be compensated unless the County receives a financial benefit as a result of the proposed claims; and (b) outside counsel is authorized to file a lawsuit on behalf of the County against any company that designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold Fluorosurfactant Products that contributed to the PFAS contamination within the County whether now known or discovered after the date of this resolution.
3. Outside counsel shall proceed with the litigation effort under direction of Corporation Counsel and shall keep the County reasonably apprised as to the status of the litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: County officials and employees are hereby directed to provide support to outside counsel in the litigation effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 17th day of December, 2025.

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

- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
 - Re-Appoint Ted Cushing to the Human Services Board for a 3-year term to expire in January 2029.
 - Re-Appoint Tiffany Rohan to the Human Services Board for a 3-year term to expire in January 2029.
 - Re-Appoint Miranda Gavrilesco to the Human Services Board for a 3-year term to expire in January 2029.
 - Re-Appoint Michael Tautges to the North Central WI Regional Plan Commission for a 6-year term to expire in January 2032.
 - Re-Appoint Frank Kovak to the Civil Service Commission for a 5-Year term to Expire in December 2030.
 - Appoint Dawn Spurgeon to the Veterans Service Commission for a 3-year Term to Expire in January 2029.
 - Appoint Bruce Stefonek to the Board of Adjustment as the 2nd Alternate for a 3-year Term to Expire in July 2029.
 - Appoint Michael Tautges to the Oneida County Library Board to fill the remainder of the term ending April, 2026.

Motion/Second: **Cushing/Briggs** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger; 1 Student, Wallen

Motion: Adopted

Fried requested that Resolution # 10 – 2026 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution # 10 – 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 for the Purpose of Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant Writing.

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 for the purpose of Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) grant writing.

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 \$822,417.88 as of November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services requests \$11,200.00 in Opioid Settlement Funds to support and fund necessary training and meetings to effectively submit grant applications in order to sustain the County's Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) program, develop a Treatment Court, create a Criminal Justice Coordinator position and expand access to Peer Recovery Support, and

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 14th day of January, 2026.

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

Discussion: Fried stated that he is not in favor of creating this position; the job duty of grant writing should be done within the departments. Fried presented that the UW Extension or the North Central Regional Planning could assist with this. Fried expressed concern that the County may not be able to sustain the funding for these services after the grant is exhausted. Human Service Director Beth Hoerchler explained that the county has received these grants in the past. Hoerchler noted that this

would allow money to start a Treatment Court and fund a Diversion Coordinator. Hoerchler noted that there is currently nobody on staff that has written this extensive of a grant, Mary Rideout has done this grant application in the past. Hoerchler explained that the County could potentially be awarded \$300,000 per year for the duration of the grant. Discussion regarding grant writing.

Roll Call on Resolution # 10 – 2026: 15 Aye; 2 Nay, Fried, Sorgel; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger; 1 Student, Wallen.

Resolution # 10 – 2026: Passes

Resolution # 11 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee to Amend Chapter 9, Article 5, Section 9.58 Tourist Rooming House of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

Resolution to amend Chapter 9, Article 5, Section 9.58 Tourist Rooming House.

Resolution offered by the Planning and Development Committee.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee, having considered Ordinance Amendment #06-2025, which was filed June 5, 2025 (copy attached) to amend Section 9.58 of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, and having given notice thereof as provided by law and having held a public hearing thereon August 20, 2025, pursuant to § 59.69(5), Wisconsin Statutes, and having been informed of the facts pertinent to the changes which are as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Department sent a memo (copy attached) to all of the Oneida County Town Clerks and Chairpersons discussing the proposed ordinance amendment and including the current language. Out of the 21 townships in Oneida County, eight responded with four towns in opposition and four towns in support of the ordinance amendment; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 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 10 public comments received, 9 people spoke concerning the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee has carefully studied the proposed changes after listening to comments made at the public hearing and recommends denial.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Development Committee, being fully informed of the facts and after full consideration of the matter, made the following findings and recommendation, which the Oneida County Board of Supervisors has determined are reasonable:

1. The Planning and Development Committee would like to acknowledge the housing shortage and concerns that many townships and constituents have concerning this issue.
2. The Planning and Development Committee would like to acknowledge the concerns that many townships and constituents have concerning with protecting the single family zoning district.
3. The Planning and Development Committee would recommend creating an additional zoning district for towns to adopt that would like to allow no more than one (1) rental per seven (7) day period.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2025, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors voted on the Denial Report with 12 “Nays,” 3 “Ayes,” and 6 absent. The Denial Report was not accepted.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 59.69(5)(e)5m, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors refused to deny the Petition as recommended by the Planning and Development Committee.

Therefore, the Planning and Development Committee drafted an ordinance amendment to effectuate the Petition, and is reporting the ordinance amendment back to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, in which they may enact or reject the ordinance amendment.

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 9 of the General Code of Oneida County, Wisconsin, is amended as follows [additions noted by underline, deletions noted by strikethrough]:

9.58 TOURIST ROOMING HOUSE (4-2019, 8-2020, 7-2022, 1-2024)

D. Tourist Rooming House Requirements

3. A tourist rooming house shall meet the following minimum requirements:

a. Tourist rooming house rentals of six (6) consecutive days or less are prohibited shall be limited to no more than one (1) rental per seven (7) day period in the following zoning districts:

- (1) District #1B Forestry
- (2) District #1C Forestry
- (3) District #02 Single Family
- (4) District #08 Manufacturing/Industrial
- (5) District #15 Rural Residential

The County Clerk shall, within seven (7) days after adoption of Ordinance Amendment #06-2025 by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, cause a certified copy thereof to be transmitted by mail to the Town Clerks of Oneida County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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

Discussion: Planning and Zoning Director Karl Jennrich read the memo dated November 13, 2025, summarizing the background explanation of the proposed Ordinance Amendment. Jennrich stated that in June 2025 Supervisor Sorgel proposed amending Chapter 9, Article 5, pertaining to Tourist Rooming House provisions. Jennrich explained the proposed change, noting that currently it prohibits Tourist Rooming House rentals of 6 consecutive days or less. Jennrich explained that Assembly Bill 64 enacted in 2017 prohibits municipalities from enacting an ordinance to prohibit the rental of a residential dwelling for 7 consecutive days or longer. Jennrich gave some background and explained that with input from the towns, less than a 7-day rental was prohibited in certain zoning districts. Jennrich reported that County Board Supervisor Sorgel does have the authority to submit this request. Jennrich gave some background on the process of this request and reported that it does not have the support of the Planning and Development Committee. Jennrich explained that there is a process for Three Lakes to rezone, this proposed change would impact all of the towns that are not in favor of the change. Discussion regarding enforcement. Fried explained that if there are towns that want this, they can adopt a zoning district and allow it.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution # 11 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025: 12 Aye; 5 Nay, Fried, Almekinder, Lopez, Timmons, Tautges; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger; 1 Student Nay

Resolution # 11 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2025: 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 to Section § 19.85(1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Topics: W.D. Wis. Case. Nos. 25-CV-325 & 25-CV-520, Oneida County Circuit Court Cases 24-CX-2, 25-CX-2, 25-CV-

123). It is anticipated that the County Board 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: Cushing/Jensen to go into Closed Session at 10:28 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger

Motion: Adopted

Motion/Second: Ives/Schreier to return to Open Session at 11:29 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: 17 Aye; 4 Absent, Fisher, Hanus, Showalter, Oettinger

Motion: Adopted

Announcement: Chairman Holewinski announced that when in closed session, there was no action taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME February 17th, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Unless a motion is made to change the starting time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Holewinski adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.