MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING October 15, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Billy Fried, Tom Kelly, Russ Fisher, Mike Timmons.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitch Ives

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney's Office), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Jen Allen (Branch II), Jean Meyer (Branch I), Chief Deputy Dan Hess (Sheriff's Office)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2, stated the meeting notice had been posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and noted accommodations would be made for handicap accessibility. Stated the meeting was also being held via Zoom.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Agenda (Timmons/Kelly, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the September 10, 2020, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Fried, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Public Safety Departments (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

DEPARTMENT PLANS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE WORKING AT HOME SCENARIOS

Timmons advised that all departments have plan for working at home scenarios and did not feel there was a need to discuss in depth. Fried advised LRES asked for the policy for people to work at home, as some departments had a policy and some did not. Discussion was had regarding the importance of departments that have the ability to work from home to have a policy regarding that procedure as to be able to be held accountable for the work done out of office.

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Brian Desmond brought technical difficulties with Zoom meeting to the attention of the committee. Desmond was the only one attending the meeting via Zoom during these difficulties and no one from the public was attempting to attend the meeting via Zoom. Marie from IT then fixed the issue.

Fried requested Desmond briefly explain how Corporation Counsel is working from home. Desmond explained that both assistants from Corporation Counsel have to be in office, as they do not have a paperless system at the moment. Desmond explained that he and Tom are both working from home and Mike goes into office occasionally. Desmond advised that he monitors the calendar in order to track work being done and speaks and emails with Tom. Desmond explained that going forward, the procedure would depend on the court system operations as well as the progress of the paperless office system and that it could be some time before all were able to work from home.

SHERIFFS OFFICE

Update on Capital Improvement Projects

a) Radio System Upgrade

Chief Deputy Hess advised it had been one week into antenna install at the time of the meeting and it would be another week to a week and a half before the radios were able to be installed.

b) Phase III Radio

Chief Deputy Hess advised that the Phase III Radio project is completed and the Sheriff's Office just has to put mobiles in the squads.

Resolution for Changing Time Period on Recording Records

Chief Deputy Hess advised that squad camera video was stored for 180 days and the resolution changes that to 121 days, 911 and radio traffic was stored for 360 days and the resolution changes that to 121 days, corrections related video was kept for 180 days and the resolution changes that to 121 days. Chief Deputy Hess advised that he worked with Desmond on the resolution.

Desmond explained that Wisconsin statutes state that to claim an incident, it would need to be claimed within 120 days from time of incident and the resolution changes the record keeping time to 121 days to ensure the recording would be there on the 120th day if requested. Desmond also explained that if a recording is subject to litigation or an open records request within the 120 days, it could not be destroyed. Chief Deputy Hess advised that this is common practice, but each law enforcement department differs on their record keeping times. Chief Deputy Hess advised that 120-180 days is common. Fried asked if these changes would limit ability for cold cases to be solved or re-opened. Chief Deputy Hess advised that it would not and evidentiary recordings and are treated differently.

MOTION: Support the resolution as presented when it goes to the County Board (Fried/Kelly, PASSED)

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CORPORATION COUNSEL

It is anticipated that the Committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85 (1)(c) 'for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or responsibility'. Topic: Corporation Counsel's Performance Evaluation Review

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) 'for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Topic: Corporation Counsel's Performance Evaluation Review (Kelly/Fisher, On a Roll Call Vote: Kelly: Aye, Fried: Aye, Fisher: Aye, Timmons: Aye)

Discussion was had about closed session and whether Desmond would be included in the closed session. Fried provided an example of how he understood the LRES procedure for evaluations to go and Desmond advised he would leave the Zoom meeting and would not be in closed session. Only the committee was in closed session.

The committee entered close session at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session (Fisher/ Timmons, On a Roll Call Vote: Timmons: Aye, Fried: Aye, Kelly: Aye, Fisher: Aye).

The committee returned to open session at 10:45 a.m.

Timmons advised that in closed session, the committee discussed Corporation Counsel's performance evaluation and it will be sent to Lisa Charbarneau and Hintz for review. No motion was made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

To be determined

ADJOURN

TIME: 10:46 a.m.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman

Cambrya von Schrader, Committee Secretary