

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitch Ives.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheriff Grady Hartman, Jean Meyer (Branch I), Jennifer Allen (Branch II) Steven Schreier (via Zoom), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney's Office), Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Andi Seidel, Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary.

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.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the December 20, 2020, Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Kelly, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

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

COURTHOUSE SECURITY/SINGLE POINT ENTRY

Fried indicated he would like to know where the Committee stands on a single point of entry at the courthouse. Fried indicated the Public Safety Committee would be the committee of jurisdiction for this matter. Discussion. Timmons expressed concern for handicapped persons and accessibility. Extensive discussion about the pros and cons of a single point of entry. Fried expressed concern for being prepared in the event of an emergency. It was suggested that this matter be put on the agenda for County Board to see if it would be supported.

MOTION: To give direction to Branch I and Branch II to inform the judges that the Public Safety Committee is supportive of approaching Administration on a single point

of entry for the courthouse. An agenda item should be sent to the County Board to look for support before proceeding (Fried/Kelly, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Annual Jail Booking Report

Sheriff Grady Hartman presented Exhibit #1 the Annual Jail Booking Report. This is done on a yearly basis by statute.

MOTION: To approve the 2020 Annual Jail Booking Report as presented. (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

Emergency Management Director Retirement and Transition Plan

Sheriff Grady Hartman indicated Emergency Management Director Ken Korten Hof will be retiring after 30 years of service. Sheriff Hartman indicated Korten Hof has given a generous notice and will be retiring in January 2022. Discussion. Sheriff Hartman indicated to the Committee that he would like to begin the search now for a replacement and have the replacement work with Korten Hof from October 2021 until Korten Hof's retirement for a smooth transition. Sheriff Hartman indicated he would like the Committee's permission to move forward with LRES and indicated there would be an overlap in salaries. Fried shared from October to Korten Hof's retirement is a long period of time. Sheriff Hartman indicated Korten Hof's position is wide ranging and multi-faceted and a restructure of the position would not be feasible. Further discussion.

MOTION: To approve a new hire from October 1, 2021 through January 2022 to allow for transition of staff due to retirement of Emergency Management Director Ken Korten Hof. Approval for Sheriff Hartman to begin the process with LRES. (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

It is anticipated a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session (Topic: Corrections Officer Discipline).

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: Corrections Officer Discipline. (Fisher/Fried, On Roll Call Vote: Timmons: Aye, Fisher: Aye, Kelly: Aye, Fried: Aye).

The Committee entered closed session at 10:41 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session 10:51 a.m. (Kelly/Fried, On Roll Call Vote: Timmons: Aye, Fisher: Aye, Kelly: Aye, Fried: Aye).

The committee returned to open session at 10:51 a.m.

Timmons advised that during closed session the Committee had discussion only. There was no action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from public.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

ADJOURN

Time: 10:53 a.m.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman