

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 8, 2024**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Diana Harris and Mike Timmons.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Supervisor Kelly.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Rideout (Social Services), Patti Finlan (Branch II), Mike Fugle (Corporation Counsel), Dennis Brown (Corporation Counsel), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Lukas Johnson (Medical Examiner) and Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Schreier 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 and allow the Chairman to move around on the agenda (Harris/Fisher, PASSED).

Chairperson Schreier mentioned Supervisor Timmons may be a few minutes late.

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Amend minutes to clarify discussion under Public Comments to read, Discussion had with Corporation Counsel Fugle in regard to having to fill a position on the Public Safety Committee if necessary and process.

MOTION: To amend and approve the January 11, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Harris, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for March 21, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

The Committee accepted reports, no action needed.

VACANT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SEAT DUE TO RESIGNATION OF SUPERVISOR KELLY

County Board Chairperson may appoint someone to fill Supervisor Kelly's seat.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

It is anticipated that the Committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g)(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 (23 cv 51 M And H Retailers D/B/A Yeti Motors v. Thomas Wilmot and Sandra Radzinski v. Sheriff Grady Hartman, and Deputy Alyssa Knabenbauer) A Roll Call vote will be taken to go into closed session

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g)(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 (23 cv 51 M And H Retailers D/B/A Yeti Motors v. Thomas Wilmot and Sandra Radzinski v. Sheriff Grady Hartman, and Deputy Alyssa Knabenbauer), (Fisher/Schreier, On a Roll Call Vote: Harris aye, Schreier aye, Fisher aye).

The Committee entered into closed session at 9:38 a.m.

It is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda

MOTION: To return to open session (Timmons/Fisher, On a Roll Call Vote: all ayes).

Supervisor Timmons attended meeting at 9:41 a.m.

The Committee returned to open session at 9:45 a.m.

Announcement of action taken in closed session, if such announcement will not undermine the need for the closed session

No action was taken in closed session.

REGISTER IN PROBATE

Approval for Register in Probate to attend the 2024 WRIPA Spring Educational Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI, April 24-26, 2024

Registrar in Probate present, indicated this is in the budget and asking for approval due to traveling out of county.

MOTION: To approve travel request to Wisconsin Dells to attend the WRIPA Spring Educational Conference (Timmons/Schreier, PASSED).

CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH I and BRANCH II

Approval for Judicial Assistants from Branch I and II to travel out-of-county to Vilas County to assist in training/mentoring new Judicial Assistant in that county

The Branch II Judicial Assistant would travel to assist in training, for one day, when Judge Bloom is on vacation and Branch I Judicial Assistant would travel to assist for one day when Judge Schiek is on vacation. Does not impact the budget.

MOTION: To approve travel request to Vilas County (Harris/Timmons, PASSED).

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Annual Medical Examiner Report

Schaub and Johnson present. The Medical Examiner (ME) presented the annual report, Exhibit #1, and provided an overview.

Through the Health Department, the ME Office separates the number of Covid deaths for reporting purposes. The Medical Examiner explained the issuance of death certificate process, monitoring of all issued death certificates in the County and data of deaths.

There was discussion regarding data results.

The Committee recognized the report, information purposes, no motion needed.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

2023 Diversion Program Statistics

The Social Services Director provided Exhibit #2, Oneida County Diversion Program-Referrals Through December 2023, 2024 TAD Grant Application Budget and ARPA Funding (Match for TAD Grant)-Estimated Expenditure.

The Social Services Director informed the Committee of: in 2023 the Diversion program staff spent the first half of the year getting the grant up and running, in July started taking referrals, the intent is to divert people out of the criminal system to treatment, an assessment process is completed and explained, the individual would decide with their attorney if they would like to go through the Diversion Program. Progress is tracked once an individual completes the program for future data collection.

The Director explained referrals, there was discussion who may make referrals.

Informational purposes, no motion needed.

2024 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant

The Social Services Director indicated the grant was applied for and received increasing the County match, in-kind dollars (Social Services provides an office for Justice Point) and ARPA dollars are applied to the match.

Informational purposes, no motion needed.

Opioid Settlement and ARPA funds update

The Social Services Director explained ARPA funds, meeting grant obligations and will look at opioid settlement funds instead of using county funds. There was discussion regarding ARPA funds and opioid settlement funds.

The Director explained CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee) has a funding group to look at a developing a comprehensive plan (relating to substance abuse) on how to use grant dollars and setting a long range goal to work towards and, the CJCC makes a recommendation to the Public Safety Committee to allocate funds. The Director will review the Opioid Settlement Resolution for referencing funds.

Update on re-establishing an OWI Court in Oneida County

The Social Services Director indicated the CJCC is actively looking into reactivating OWI Court from 2022 and have Koller Behavioral Health as the provider. The Director informed the Committee that moving forward statistics will be tracked for the program so reporting on how successful this program is can be done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None.

ADJOURN

10:25 a.m.

Steven Schreier, Chairperson

Dawn Robinson, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairperson