

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 11, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Billy Fried, Russ Fisher, Tom Kelly, Mitch Ives-via Zoom, Chairman Mike Timmons

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jean Meyer (Branch I), Shari Gorney (Corp Counsel/Medical Examiner), Amy Franzen (Probate), Heidi Ihn (DA Office), Mike Fugle (Corp Counsel-via Zoom), Lisa Charbarneau (LRES), Sheriff Grady Hartman, Chief Deputy Dan Hess

**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 (Fried/Kelly, PASSED).

**APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the February 18, 2021, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Fried, PASSED).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments from the public.

**SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)**

The next meeting was scheduled for April 15, 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/Kelly, PASSED).

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Staffing Request – Assistant Corporation Counsel II Position

Corporation Counsel Fugle requested to fill the Assistant Corporation Counsel II position as soon as possible. This position deals mainly with complaints/incidents of children in need of protection, commitments, guardianships, and protective placements. Fugle requested the position be posted and was confident they could get a very good person at a significantly lower wage than what he had been making. Charbarneau approximated the start time for the new person to be eight to ten weeks out. There was discussion if this should be a position within the county or outsourced, what other agencies do, the structure of the department, and if there was any savings or benefit to the position being outsourced.

MOTION: To approve the posting and hiring for the Assistant Corporation Counsel II position (Kelly/Fisher, PASSED).

Fried wanted to make it clear that if the department needed anything, to please come to the committee for assistance. Fried wanted to be sure Fugle was looking for efficiencies, savings, etc. during the eight to ten week hiring process timeframe, and bring those to the committee. Fisher asked Fugle if he was comfortable with the hiring timeframe. Fugle said he would certainly look to outside counsel or assistance from the Chair if need be.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### Budget Close

Sheriff Hartman reiterated as he had reported in the summer, that the budget was in excellent shape (Exhibit #1). Sheriff Hartman showed almost \$1.8 million going back to the County General Fund. Sheriff Hartman reported how 2020 was a bit of an anomaly, over time was as low as it could go, no Hodag Country Fest over time, and transport over oime was very low due to COVID and other counties not wanting to transport. Fried asked for numbers. Sheriff Hartman reported Hodag Fest over time is usually \$35,000 and transports approximately \$50,000, which was reflected in patrol and detective bureau. Timmons asked why the Dive Team gave back almost \$10,000. Hess stated there was no training due to COVID. There was discussion/explanation on how the Sheriff came to the numbers in the total expense and revenue column.

Sheriff Hartman gave a five-year running tally of dollars returned to the General Fund by ONSO (Exhibit #2).

There was discussion on how numbers could hurt/help for 2021 and how the extra monies are returned to the General Fund vs. Appropriations.

### State Inmate Count

Sheriff Hartman reported the number was 69 today and 17 prisoners that they will be paid for, so approximately 86 paid right now. Sheriff Hartman stated this was not where it should be, and he was continuing to try, but it was out of his control. There was discussion on budgeting for inmate numbers in 2021 and previous inmate numbers under the former sheriff.

There was discussion on information related to 17 year olds being held as adults and how that may change.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments from public.

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Corporation Counsel Status, Courthouse Security

**ADJOURN**

Time: 10:08 a.m.

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Mike Timmons, Chairman

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Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

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Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman