

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 15, 2021**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitch Ives

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Schaub (ME), Shari Gorney (Corp. Counsel), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Amy Franzen (Register in Probate), Patti Finlan (Br. II), Jean Meyer (Br. I), Lisa Hilgendorf (Juvenile Clerk), Heidi Ihn (DA's Office), Grady Hartman (Sheriff's Office), & Dan Hess (Sheriff's Office)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 June 10, 2021, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/ Fried, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for August 12, 2021 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).

Register in Probate

Approval for the Juvenile Clerk to attend the Juvenile Clerk's Conference in Eau Claire, Wisconsin July 28-30, 2021

The new Juvenile Clerk started in June and this will be the first conference for her to attend. The mileage and lodging will be paid for by the Juvenile Clerk's association. Meals will be paid for out of the budget.

MOTION: To approve the Juvenile Clerk to attend the Juvenile Clerk's Conference in Eau Claire, Wisconsin July 28-30, 2021 (Fried/ Kelly, PASSED)

Approval for Register in Probate to attend the 2021 WRIPA Fall Educational Conference in Oshkosh, Wisconsin September 9-10, 2021

Lodging will be paid for. Mileage and meals will come out of the budget

Motion: To approve the Register in Probate to attend the 2021 WRIPA Fall Educational Conference in Oshkosh, Wisconsin September 9-10, 2021. (Timmons/ Fried, PASSED)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Homicide investigation costs

Sheriff Hartman and Chief Deputy Hess began by starting a video from the Oneida County Jail showing an inmate on methamphetamine for future discussion.

Discussion was had regarding the investigation of the homicide that occurred within Oneida County on June 30, 2021. Discussion was had regarding the reason behind not budgeting for incidents such as this. Sheriff Hartman advised that there is no effective way to attempt to budget for such things, as Oneida County typically does not have many incidents that require such an extensive investigation. Sheriff Hartman advised that he expects the cost to rise, but that the budget is in good shape. Sheriff Hartman advised there are no state or federal resources to help with the cost of the investigation and most of the cost is a result of overtime worked. No motion was made. Discussion was for informational purposes only.

Comp time for civilian staff

Sheriff Hartman handed out copies of Exhibits 1 and 2 to committee members and began talking about changes that Sheriff Hartman would like made to the verbiage on page #12 of the handbook. Sheriff Hartman advised that the Sheriff's Office is having difficulty recruiting deputies, but that there are corrections officers from the Oneida County Jail who have gone or are going to recruit school while still working full time. Discussion was had on the benefits of changing the verbiage to allow Sheriff's Office staff attending recruit school to carry over more comp time. Sheriff Hartman requested approval from the committee to present the proposed change in verbiage to LRES.

MOTION: To accept language as presented and forward to LRES. (Friend/ Timmons, PASSED)

Discussion on methamphetamine abuse in the community

Sheriff Hartman and Chief Deputy Hess began talking about the methamphetamine problem in Oneida County and referred to the video that Sheriff Hartman began playing at the beginning of the Sheriff's Office's agenda topics. Sheriff Hartman advised that the methamphetamine problem in Oneida County is worse than ever before and Sheriff Hartman is going to create two more investigator positions within NORDEG. Sheriff Hartman advised that by adding to NORDEG, he will need to pull from the recreational deputy position as well as the northwest community policing position; however, the DNR

will be able to take over the majority of the recreational complaints received and a certain amount of hours will still be spent in the Minocqua/ Woodruff area specifically. Sheriff Hartman advised that he has spoken with the DA's Office as well as the judges who both stated that they agree with the decision to target methamphetamine and will be able to handle the possible increase in cases involving methamphetamine related offenses. Discussion was had regarding the higher risk to the public that the methamphetamine problem poses in comparison to the recreational complaints that the Sheriff's Office receives. No motion was made. Discussion was again for informational purposes only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

The Oneida County Jail losing state inmates by the end of the year as well as an update on the cost of the homicide investigation.

ADJOURN

10:04 a.m.

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Cambrya von Schrader, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman