

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 15, 2022**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Schreier, Russ Fisher, Tom Kelly, Mike Timmons, Diana Harris

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney Office), Trevor Greene (media), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Patti Finlan (Branch II), Shari Gorney (Corporation Counsel Office), Jennifer Chiamulera (Health Department), Mary Rideout (Social Services), Sheriff Grady Hartman, Chris Schlueter (Committee Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman 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 (Timmons/Fisher, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the August 18, 2022 and September 1, 2022, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fisher/Kelly, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2022, Committee Room #2.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Public Safety Departments with the exception of the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. (Harris/Timmons, PASSED).

9:35 a.m. Mary Rideout from Social Services enters meeting.

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Request to send Lucas Johnson to the fall WCMEA Conference in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin from October 17-19, 2022

Medical Examiner Crystal Schaub presents Exhibit #1. ME Schaub requests that staff be sent to the WCMEA Conference in Wisconsin Dells on October 17-19, 2022. Two staff will be attending. ME Schaub indicated this conference is well within the budget.

9:39 a.m. Chad Lynch enters meeting.

MOTION: To approve two members of the medical examiner's staff out of town travel within budget to attend the WCMEA Conference in Wisconsin Dells, October 17-19, 2022 (Timmons/Fisher, PASSED).

Sheriff Grady Hartman enters meeting.

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for the Oneida County Sheriff's Office (Kelly/Harris, PASSED).

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Resolution to Create a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee in Oneida County

Mary Rideout from Social Services provided Exhibit #2. Rideout explained a group of stakeholders had formed and is looking to establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC). Rideout explained that many grants require that a committee oversee the grant, and the CJCC could be that committee. The CJCC could then report to the Public Safety Committee. Further discussion and explanation of the CJCC program. Jennifer Chiamulera (Health Department) provided Exhibit #3. Chad Lynch (Corporation Counsel Office) provides information. Further discussion regarding need of program. Public Safety Committee would like further information from Rideout and Chiamulera before moving forward. Rideout indicated they would put together a packet for the Committee's review prior to next month's meeting. No action taken at this time. Follow up next month.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Hartman addressed the issue of staffing at the Sheriff's Office especially in the jail. There are currently nine (9) vacancies out of a total of twenty (20). Discussion about wage increases, how to attract quality employees, and recruiting efforts. Hartman indicated a number of retirements are on the horizon. Hartman indicated overtime is currently off the charts.

Lynch exits meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Hartman indicated there would have to a serious conversation about taking on inmates, which is revenue generating, due to staffing issues. Hartman asked that the Committee take a serious look at what can be done to increase applicants and keep the employees that are already working there. This item will be added to the agenda for future meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

1. Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
2. Sheriff's Office staffing issues

ADJOURN

10:56 a.m. adjourned

Steven Schreier, Chairman

Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman