MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Russ Fisher, Debbie Condado, Michael Tautges, Ted Cushing and Linnaea Newman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: All present

OTHERS PRESENT: Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch, Branch II Judge Mary Sowinski, Jacob Tautges, Friederick Tautges, Youth in Governance representative, Dan Hess, Scott Holewinski, Jenni Luenenberg, Tracy Hartman.

CALL TO ORDER
Chairperson Fisher 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 (Newman/Cushing, PASSED 5-0).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
MOTION: To approve the September 10, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes (Condado/Newman, PASSED 5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments/concerns.

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)
The next meeting was scheduled for November 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Fisher asked that Dawn Robinson please resend next year's meeting dates to committee members.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS
Chairman Fisher noted all vouchers and line item transfers were received and within budget. No concerns and no vote taken.

CORPORATION COUNSEL
Contract for Family Court Commissioner
Corporation Counsel Chad Lynch advised Family Court Commissioner Deb Hatfield notified him that she will retire in the beginning of 2027. Lynch advised Morgan Tomchek, a local attorney, reached out/had discussion with the judges regarding the Family Court Commissioner position. Lynch is requesting approval to replace Hatfield with Tomchek for a three-year contract through the end of 2029. The hourly rate will go from $100/hr. to $120/hr., but the number of hours/days per week will decrease. The budget will remain the same. Lynch highly recommends Tomchek for this position.

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MOTION: To approve the Contract for Family Court Commissioner and replace Deb Hatfield with Morgan Tomchek per recommendation of Lynch (Condado/Newman, PASSED 5-0).

CLOSED SESSION
It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to WI Stats Section 19.85(1)(c) for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Topic: *Corporation Counsel Annual Performance Evaluation*). It is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the agenda.

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Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed).

MOTION: To go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Topic: *Corporation Counsel Annual Performance Evaluation)*. (Cushing/Condado, On a Roll Call Vote: Tautges ‘Aye,' Condado ‘Aye,' Cushing ‘Aye,' Newman 'Aye,' and Fisher ‘Aye', PASSED 5-0).

The committee entered into closed session at 9:40 a.m.

MOTION: To return to open session (Cushing/Newman, On a Roll Call Vote: all ‘ayes,’ no nays, PASSED 5-0).

The Committee returned to open session at 11:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comment/concerns

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
Assistant DA travel to recruit for the empty position

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11:10 a.m.

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Russ Fisher, Chairperson Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

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Michael Tautges, Vice-Chairperson

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