

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 2019**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mike Timmons, Billy Fried, Mitch Ives, and Bob Metropulos.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Russ Fisher (excused).

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Schaub (Medical Examiner), Frank Bauers (Arbor Vitae ambulance), Todd Rucinski (Arbor Vitae Fire Department), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney Office), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Ken Korten Hof (Emergency Management), Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Jan Meyer (Branch I), Grady Hartman (Sheriff), Dan Hess (Chief Deputy), Lisa Charbarneau (LRES).

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 Amended Agenda as presented and to allow Item #7 to be presented in front of Item #6. (Metropulos/Ives, PASSED).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the October 17, 2019, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2019.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve bills, vouchers, and line item transfers for Public Safety Departments (Fried/Ives, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arbor Vitae Ambulance Contract

Ken Korten Hof (Emergency Management), Frank Bauers (Arbor Vitae ambulance), and Todd Rucinski (Arbor Vitae Fire Department) were present for discussion of the Arbor Vitae ambulance contract. It was discussed the contract should be capped at \$85,000.00 for the next three years. All parties are in agreement that the contract is ideal for both Oneida County and Arbor Vitae. Discussion. Korten Hof recommends capping the contract for three years 2020, 2021 and 2022 with a cap of \$85,000.

MOTION: To approve capping the Arbor Vitae ambulance contract at \$85,000 for the next three years of 2020, 2021 and 2022. (Fried/Timmons, PASSED).

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Allowing County Employees to Carry Pepper Spray

Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel) and Lisa Charbarneau (LRES) were present for the discussion regarding pepper spray. Desmond indicated that right now there is an ordinance in place that mandates that no weapons are allowed in the courthouse, which includes pepper spray. Discussion.

9:42 a.m. Todd Rucinski and Frank Bauers exit.

Charbarneau suggested that this matter could be forwarded to LRES where a policy would be developed, which would include written confirmation of training as per the insurance company's request. Discussion. Public comment in regards to the importance of training. Sheriff Grady Hartman indicated the Oneida County Sheriff's Office would provide training. Discussed need to rewrite the ordinance, policy formation, and training. Further discussion.

MOTION: To have Brian Desmond and Lisa Charbarneau work together to move this forward, in conjunction with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and to develop a policy to allow County employees to carry pepper spray. (Timmons/Metropulos, PASSED).

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

Ken Korten Hof (Emergency Management) indicated the All Hazards Mitigation Plan needs to be updated every five years and expires in 2021. Korten Hof would like approval to move forward with the grant and mitigation plan. The plan is required and there is zero cost to the County. Discussion.

MOTION: To accept the presentation for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan update with the understanding that there is zero cost to the County. (Fried/Metropulos, PASSED).

Civil Service Rules and Regulations Amendment

Sheriff Grady Hartman submitted Exhibit #1 Civil Service Rules and Regulations Amendment due to the last round of the hiring process. Sheriff Hartman indicated there will be thirteen people retiring in the next five years, and the County is in serious trouble in regards to obtaining qualified people. Sheriff Hartman indicated that in the resolution he has asked the Civil Service Commission to change Regulation 50 in order to allow the hiring of a person outside of the fifteen miles radius requirement. Discussion. Sheriff Hartman indicated a deputy living outside of the county is not allowed to take a squad home. Lisa Charbarneau (LRES) indicated she did not have any concerns about this matter. Sheriff Hartman indicated finding quality people is a problem and he will not sacrifice quality.

MOTION: To approve the Civil Service Rules and Regulations Amendment and to forward to the Oneida County Board as a consent item. (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

Capital Improvement Items

Body Scanner

Sheriff Hartman indicated the Oneida County Jail can make do without a body scanner. Sheriff Hartman indicated he is concerned about Fentanyl getting into the jail and that a small amount of Fentanyl can kill four or five people. Sheriff Hartman indicated he is concerned about a death in the jail. Discussion.

MOTION: Informational only, no motion required.

Taser Replacement

Sheriff Hartman indicated the tasers are failing, especially the ones on the road. There have been three failures during incidents and numerous other failures during testing. The current tasers are not serviceable. Discussion.

MOTION: Informational only, no motion required.

Camera Upgrade

Sheriff Hartman indicated the cameras in the Oneida County Jail are failing. There is a concern that there will be an incident in the jail and the cameras will have not functioned. Sheriff Hartman indicated the cameras are out of compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Sheriff Hartman indicated that if the Oneida County Jail is out of compliance in regards to the cameras then the \$1.8 million dollars in State monies would go away. Discussion regarding the ramifications of the decision not to replace the cameras. Further discussion.

MOTION: The Public Safety Committee directs Committee Member Fried go to the Administration Committee to relay the importance of Item B (Camera Upgrade) to the Administration Committee and how the jail will be in non-compliance with PREA for State revenues. (Timmons/Ives, PASSED).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)

As needed.

ADJOURN

10:29 a.m.