

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 12, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Mike Timmons, Mitch Ives, Russ Fisher, and Bill Fried.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), Grady Hartman (Sheriff), Luke Johnson (Medical Examiner Office), Heidi Ihn (District Attorney Office), Brenda Behrle (Clerk of Courts), Jennifer Allen (Branch II), Jean Meyer (Branch I).

**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 (Fisher/Fried, PASSED).

**APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the November 14, 2019, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

**RESIGNATION AND ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Bob Metropolis moved so he had to step down.

MOTION: Motion to nominate Russ Fisher as the Vice Chairperson. (Fried/Timmons, PASSED).

**SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)**

The next meeting was scheduled for January 16, 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/Fisher, PASSED).

**CORPORATION COUNSEL**

2020 Long Range Plan

Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel) provided Exhibit #1. Discussion regarding points on 2020 Long Range Plan. Fried asked about being efficient and consistency with contracts for county. Discussion regarding costs for outside counsel.

MOTION: To accept the 2020 Long Range Plan of Corporation Counsel as presented (Fisher/Timmons, PASSED).

Family Court Commissioner Contract

Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel) provided Exhibit #2. Discussion regarding updated contract.

MOTION: To accept the Family Court Commissioner Contract as presented (Fried/Fisher, PASSED).

Sheriff Grady Hartman asked if Item #9 under Medical Examiner wanted to be discussed prior to Sheriff's Office items. All agreed.

**MEDICAL EXAMINER**

2020 Long Range Plan

Luke Johnson (Medical Examiner's Office) provided Exhibit #3. Discussion regarding the 2020 Long Range Plan of the Medical Examiner's Office. Discussion regarding working with Vilas and Forest Counties.

MOTION: To accept the 2020 Long Range Plan of the Medical Examiner's Office as presented (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Inmate Surgery

Sheriff's Grady Hartman discussed injury sustained by a State inmate. Discussion.

MOTION: Informational only, no motion required.

Lateral Transfer for New Deputy Sheriffs

Sheriff Grady Hartman provided Exhibit #4. Sheriff Hartman discussed a shortage of workers in the law enforcement field. Sheriff Hartman explained he is anticipating fifteen retirements of deputies in the next seven years. Vacancies will be a problem. Sheriff Hartman explained he would like to implement a lateral entry program for deputies. Discussion regarding program. Discussion regarding how the lateral entry program would allow Oneida County to be more competitive in the hiring process. Fried discussed concern about cost to the County. Further discussion.

MOTION: To back the implementation of the Lateral Entry Program and send to LRES for final approval (Timmons/Fried, PASSED).

Annual Jail Inspection per 59.54(15)

Sheriff Grady Hartman provided Exhibit #5. Sheriff Hartman indicated the annual inspection of the jail went very good. Discussion regarding cameras and report. Sheriff Hartman provided Exhibit #6 – 2019 Daily Booking Report. (Please see County Clerk's Office for Exhibit #6).

MOTION: Informational only, no motion required.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public present.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA(S)**

1. Making Oneida County a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment county.

**ADJOURN**

**10:32 a.m.**

---

Mike Timmons, Chairman

---

Chris Schlueter, Committee Secretary

---

Russ Fisher, Vice Chairman