

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Cushing, Thomas Rudolph, David Hintz, Brian Desmond, Margie Sorenson, Jeff Hoffman, Paul Spencer and Lisa Charbarneau.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Korten Hof (Emergency Management Director); John Sweeney (Sheriff).

CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cushing called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. He noted that the meeting notice had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Rudolph second by Hintz to approve the agenda for the present meeting. Motion carried; all ayes.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Hintz, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting. Motion carried; all ayes.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Korten Hof updated the committee on the request for proposals for ambulance services in Oneida County. He distributed a handout on how the proposals were evaluated. Korten Hof explained that a bid from Paratech, although cheaper did not address all the issues in the RFP.

Spencer asked if Margie had reviewed the numbers of the proposal. Sorenson responded that she was seeing the numbers for the first time.

Hintz asked about bid conditioning. Korten Hof explained that he would be taking the Paratech bid to Ministry to negotiate further. Desmond indicated that this is a normal process and can be done with a proposal such as the County had received.

Cushing indicated that there was too much of a savings from the Paratech proposal not to investigate it further. Hintz agreed that while the Public Safety Committee reviewed the proposals and said go with Ministry, the Transition Committee would like this investigated further.

Cushing summed up the consensus of the committee by asking Korten Hof to work with Sorenson on the numbers and to clarify questions with the Paratech proposal and bring it back to the committee.

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POSSIBLE MERGER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WITH SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

Cushing started by saying that the County was looking at a zero percent increase again for 2013. He continued that Department Heads have done everything they can to meet this goal. The only way to save money going forward is to cut programs and people. Cushing indicated that there is a lieutenant retiring at the Sheriff Department in January which creates a possible merger of Emergency Management into the department.

Hoffman indicated that there had been dialog between his management staff and Ken Korten Hof about the "what If" scenario. He continued that they disagree on some things.

Korten Hof added that there are many different structures for Emergency Management. He continued that he was concerned that if he was merged into the Sheriff Department that his Emergency Management Programs may suffer as a result.

Spencer told the committee that the County Board has instructed department heads to be mean and lean. He continued that in 2011 he eliminated a full time supervisor position with no promise of a new position for the incumbent employee. The employee was successful at applying for a full time social worker for the County.

Cushing indicated that this was an opportunity that needed to be looked into. He instructed Lisa Charbarneau to meet with Korten Hof and Sweeney on the pros and cons of this proposal.

UPDATE ON ACT 10/ACT 32/JUDGE COLAS DECISION

The committee was updated on the status of Act 10 and 32 as well as the Judge Colas decision.

BUDGET UPDATE

Sorenson went over a handout of the highlights of the proposed budget for 2013.

WAGE STUDY

Charbarneau told the committee that the LRES Committee had approved a wage study to be completed, however with the Judge Colas decision being released she felt that the LRES Committee would put the study on hold.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 28, 2012 1:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rudolph, second by Cushing to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried; all ayes.

Ted Cushing, Chairman

Lisa Charbarneau, Committee Secretary