

**MINUTES OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 16, 2015**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Shawl (Branch II), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel), District Attorney Mike Schiek, Kathleen Belliveau (Branch I), Medical Examiner Larry Mathein, Chief Deputy Dan Hess, Jill Butzlaff (Oneida County Sheriff's Office), and Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary.

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 (Metropulos/Fried, motion passed).

APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the June 18, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes (Holewinski/Fried, motion passed).

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE(S)

The next meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

AUDIO RECORDING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ives requested that the Public Safety Committee meetings be audio recorded

No one objected or saw any reason they should not be. There was discussion regarding what other committees do. Brian Desmond reported that audio recordings are generally kept for 90 days after the minutes are approved and there is no law that requires meetings to be taped.

MOTION: To audio record Public Safety Committee Meetings (Holewinski/Ives, motion passed).

Ives excused from meeting at 9:39 a.m.

BILLS, VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: To approve the bills, vouchers, line item transfers and personal expense vouchers for Public Safety Departments (Holewinski/Metropulos, motion passed).

Discussion about why Branch I and Branch II have different budgets.

District Attorney

School District of Rhinelander's Request/Parents Who Host

District Attorney Mike Schiek reported that he received a letter from Rhinelander School District Superintendent Kelli Jacobi regarding the "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" campaign. Letter stated that the school district had spent \$825 on advertising in the Northwoods River News for this campaign and were seeking contributions. Schiek reported that he was not sure how to handle this, did not have money in his budget, and had never received something like this before. Schiek thought it would be a good policy to contribute, but was not sure what the cost would be each year. Holewinski commented that they had run the ad and now were asking for donations? Schiek believed the letter went out to Sheriff's Office, Police Department, etc. Holewinski asked what the Sheriff's Office did. Chief Deputy Hess reported that they donated \$250.

Fried felt that if the Sheriff's Office had donated, then the county had donated. Fried felt other schools would then ask for donations and where would it come from in the budget? Fried asked Schiek to write a letter stating it was a nice program, our understanding was that our county had donated through the Sheriff's Office, and the county typically supports programs by providing services, not money.

MOTION: Direct District Attorney Schiek to write a letter with the understanding that the county had already supported the program and wished Ms. Jacobi luck with her campaign (Fried/Holewinski, motion passed).

Sheriff's Office

Vacancy Review-RMS Support Specialist

Chairperson Timmons asked what RMS stood for. Butzlaff reported Records Management System. Chief Deputy Hess reported this was a full-time position. Holewinski asked if someone had left and Chief Deputy Hess reported someone was in the process of leaving. Holewinski asked if this was a six-month wait. Chief Deputy Hess reported that Labor Relations had already signed off and it was an eight-week wait. Butzlaff reported that the position has been vacant since June 1, 2015. Chief Deputy Hess described what the position entails and some of the duties. There was discussion on the wage of the position and how it would fit into the wage scale dependent upon an inside or outside hire.

MOTION: To allow Sheriff's Office to go forward with filling the RMS Support Specialist vacancy (Holewinski/Fried, motion passed).

Fried reported on a compliment the Sheriff's Office received on the computer system and how it has adapted over the years. Fried reported that a Minocqua officer raved about how the computer system is currently working and received a glowing review of how it is finally working in the squads. Chief Deputy Hess reported that was from the 4G connectivity and explained that the connectivity is just like a cell phone.

There was discussion regarding the Ford Explorers that are used as squads, how much better a vehicle it is, and how the officers have more room for their equipment. Hess reported they were relatively close to the same price as the cruisers and were pursuit rated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment was given.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No items for future agendas.

ADJOURN

Time 9:57 a.m. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Metropulos, Holewinski).

Mike Timmons, Chairman

Andi Seidel, Committee Secretary

Bob Metropulos, Vice-Chairman