

**Amended Oneida County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 – Regular Meeting - 9:30 a.m.  
Oneida County Courthouse  
County Board Meeting Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Hintz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Meeting Room of the Oneida County Courthouse. There was a brief moment of silence for our troops here and overseas. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisors: Ted Cushing, Bill Freudenberg, Billy Fried, David Hintz, Robb Jensen, Tom Kelly, Bob Metropulos, Bob Mott, Greg Oettinger, Greg Pence, Carol Pederson, Jack Sorensen, Michael Timmons, Alan VanRaalte, Jim Winkler, Alex Young, and Lisa Zunker.

**# OF MEMBERS PRESENT:** 17

**SUPERVISORS EXCUSED:** 4- Lance Krolczyk, Mitch Ives, Scott Holewinski and Sonny Paszak.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** 2- Alex Bess and Amanda Morgan.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Bartelt, County Clerk; Melodie Gauthier, Chief Deputy Clerk; Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel; Lisa Charbarneau, Human Resource Director; Mike Romportl, Land Information; John Bilogan, Forestry; Mary Rideout, Social Services; Roger Luce, Economic Development Corporation; Lu Ann Brunette, Buildings and Grounds; Margie Sorensen and Darcy Smith, Finance Department and Dan Hess, Sheriff's Office.

Lu Ann Brunette, Buildings and Grounds Facilities Director, updated the County Board on an outage the Courthouse encountered due to the storm and power outage the night before. Lightning struck a transformer outside the Courthouse and took-out one leg of the 3-phase power unit which caused smoke to fill the lower level, causing the Fire Department to be called. There was damage to a 5 horse 3-phase motor for a chiller pump and motor is now being rebuilt. Also, impacted was the computerized climate controls, a (UPS) uninterrupted power supply, for the card reader system. Two boilers had shut down and the elevator stopped working and needed to be reset. Brunette stated, at this time, we are working on documentation of staff time and damages for a possible insurance claim.

Margie Sorensen, Finance Director introduced Darcy Smith who will be replacing Margie as Finance Director when she retires the end of December 2016. Darcy Smith worked in Shawano County as their Finance Director before coming to Oneida County.

Chairman Hintz stated Governor Walker held a listening session here in Committee Room #2. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 (by invitation only). Question and answer session followed in the First Floor Conference Room for the media, again by invitation only. Some of Governor Walker's issues discussed were education, NR115, roads and highways, transportation, aging population and the flow of local money in the county.

Chairman Hintz also noted that the entire Board of Supervisors is invited to the opening reception for the Governor's Northern Economic Development Summit on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at The Waters of Minocqua. Hintz stated Lisa Charbarneau, (LRES), or Mary Bartelt, (County Clerk), will help Supervisors register for the summit.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 REGULAR COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**Motion/Second: Sorensen / Jensen** to accept the September 20, 2016 minutes. All "aye" on voice vote, motion carries. Corrections, additions and deletions: Page 1, #5 Emergency Management - Supervisor Mott stated in this paragraph Supervisor Pederson's comments and his comments should be switched. All "ayes" on voice vote, motion carries.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR, CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Sign Attendance Form at the Podium
- Please Use Microphones When Speaking

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- Dave Noel's presentation on the Economic Value of Oneida County Lakes and Rivers. Supervisor Mott introduced Dave Noel. Noel stated there are approximately 1,129 lakes in Oneida County and 428 are named. Healthy waters are critical to the northwoods economy. Sources of economic value are waterfront property values, seasonal residents, full-time residents and tourism. Noel's presentation entailed a brief assessment of:

- Sources of economic value on waterfront property assessments.
- Impact of poor water quality on property values.
- Sources of economic value on seasonal residents.
- Impact of poor water quality on seasonal residents spending and on visitors.
- Waterfront property assessment.
- Seasonal resident, tourist and full-time spending.
- Total monetized value of Oneida County lakes and rivers.

Discussion followed on lake density, water quality changes, water clarity and the impact of diminished lake quality on tourist, seasonal and resident owners.

Supervisor Mott followed up stating tourism is driven by the quality of lakes, rivers and forests and we need to tell Senator Tiffany to return local control of these lakes to protect our economy. Supervisor Mott stated he would like the Supervisors to look at their town lakes and think of what the dollar impact would be to their towns if the water in lakes and rivers diminished at least 10%. What would happen to the town's value?

- Corporation Counsel: DOJ Open Meetings Letter: Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel, read a letter from Winnebago County that came from the Department of Justice stating the boiler plate notice on the committee agendas is not sufficient. If another committee member attends a different committee meeting and causes a quorum of a second committee, the meeting would need to be agenzized. If attendance of a committee creates a quorum, this Supervisor would need to leave. The Department of Justice is capable of seeking enforcement action for any violations. If Supervisors have any questions, consult with the town attorney or with Corporation Counsel. Chairman Hintz stated he would like Corporation Counsel to develop some guidelines. Any social gathering would be excluded.

\* **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Roger Luce, Economic Development Corporation, stated the paperwork for the \$15,000,000 loan for Expera has been completed and the money is now in an escrow account. The attorney general happens to be the Chairman of the Board of Commissioner of Public Lands and would like to have an audience with the county board regarding lease partner Expera.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution #62-2016:** Offered by Land Records Committee to approve conveying the parcels of land to the named landowners Pt. of Pin HA 85-3 to Elizabeth A Wexler to be attached to parcel HA 85, Joanne L Ahlborn to be attached to parcel HA 85-2, Thomas C. Lewandowski / Penny S. Lewandowski to be attached to parcel HA85-1 and Town of Hazelhurst, subject to easements and utilities of record or in use across said strip.

- **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:** - None.

**Motion/Second: Sorensen/Jensen** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All "ayes" on voice vote, motion carries. Consent agenda: approved.

Student Representative Amanda Morgan excused at 9:50 a.m.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

##### **Resolution #63-2016**

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee.

**WHEREAS,** Oneida County has lands enrolled in the County Forest Law program commonly referred to as the Oneida County Forest; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to s. 28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, this land is managed in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, on a sustainable basis for maximum public benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** Oneida County, and the Wisconsin County Forest Association have deemed the process of forest certification to be in the best interest of the County Forest System for sustaining the forest industry and the many benefits provided by county forest lands in Oneida County and the State as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida County Forest was included in the 2004 group audit pool for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and has been found to be in conformance with the standard of the program and has been a participant since January 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from several local mills including Domtar, Mouw-Verso, and Expera have indicated that their customers have requested that they offer FSC-certified products; and

**WHEREAS**, Oneida County is now seeking dual certification and inclusion in the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) forest certification system; and

**WHEREAS**, the direct costs of forest certification are to be paid by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and if not, participation in the forest certification programs will be brought back to the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee and/or the Oneida County Board of Supervisors for reconsideration of Oneida County's participation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee and formally accepts and commits to dual certification and participation in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) forest certification systems and that the management of the Oneida County Forest be consistent with the standards set forth.

Approved by the Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Offered and passage moved by Supervisors: Sorensen, VanRaalte, Zunker, Mott and Pence.

Supervisor Freudenberg excused at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call Vote:** 16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent – Ives, Holewinski, Krolczyk, Paszak and Freudenberg.

**Student Representative:** 1 Aye.

**Resolution #63-2016:** Adopted.

Student Representative Alex Bess excused at 10:10 a.m.

**RESOLUTION #64-2016:**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION**

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Social Services Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Children and Families provides funding to counties through the Children and Family Aids allocation for the provision of child abuse and neglect services, including prevention, investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs; and

**WHEREAS**, base funding for child welfare services has not increased since the Department of Children and Families was created in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past few years, the child welfare workload has increased in all counties across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of child protective services (CPS) referrals has increased by 30 percent since 2007 – from 55,895 referrals in 2007 to 72,698 in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of children in out-of-home care has increased from 7,653 in 2011 to 8,258 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of screened-in CPS reports has increased from 18,706 in 2011 to 20,384 in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed with the court has increased 12.5 percent from 2008 to 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to recruit and retain child welfare workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the stress of increasing caseloads is taking its toll on CPS workers, causing many experienced child welfare workers to leave the profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the leading cause of these increases is the use of heroin, opiates, and methamphetamines; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that counties have the resources necessary to ensure the safety of children in every corner of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are struggling to identify resources to increase child welfare staff, especially given the significant overmatch counties already put in the human services system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, increase funding to counties in the Children and Family Aids allocation to assist counties in serving the increasing number of children and families in the child welfare system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson, Department of Administration Secretary Scott Neitzel, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Approved by the Social Services Committee this 29th day of September, 2016.

Offered and passage moved by Supervisors: Pederson, VanRaalte, Metropulos and Freudenberg.

**Motion/Second:** Jensen/Timmons to amended Resolution #65-2016 with a new corrected fiscal impact.

**Roll Call Vote:** 16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent - Holewinski, Ives, Krolczyk, Paszak, and Freudenberg.

**Roll Call Vote on Amended Resolution #64-2016:** 16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent - Holewinski, Ives, Krolczyk, Paszak, and Freudenberg.

**Resolution #64-2016:** Adopted.

**RESOLUTION #65-2016 :**

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Labor Relations Employee Services (LRES) Committee  
Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the 2017 budget, the Forestry Director evaluated his current staff and found several issues that needed to be addressed. The first was the inability to hire and keep Forester Limited Term Employee (LTE) positions. Since 2012, the department has had issues with hiring and retaining LTE positions causing additional effort, money and training to hire new LTE positions. The second, with the increase of public requests to develop more miles of motorized trails, it would be in the best interest of the department to have a staff member crossed trained in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry Director did recommend to the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee that due to ongoing difficulty in hiring Limited Term Employee (LTE) Foresters to maintain the programs annual goal of establishing and offering 2000 acres of timber for sale and the need for cross trained staff to offer additional miles of motorized trails, it would be in the best interest of the County to create a full time Forester I position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee did agree with the Forestry Director and did recommend to the LRES Committee to create a full time Forestry I position; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRES Committee did agree with the Forestry, Land & Recreation Committee to create a full time Forester I position for the 2017 budget and eliminate the LTE positions from the Forestry Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that a full time Forester I position be created at Grade Level H of the Non-Exempt Wage Schedule effective January 1, 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that an amendment has been made to the County budget for fiscal year 2017 as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Approved by the LRES Committee this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Offered and passage moved by: Cushing, Fried, Hintz, Pederson and Paszak.

**Roll Call Vote:** 16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent – Krolczyk, Ives, Paszak, Freudenberg and Holewinski.

**Resolution #65-2016:** Adopted

**RESOLUTION #66-2016:**

Resolution offered by Labor Relations Employee Services Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin has ratified resolution #85-2014, #79-2013, #85-2012, #77-2011, #77-2010, resolution #101-09, resolution #97-2008, resolution #87-2007, resolution #91-2006, and resolution #81-2005 which renewed the community policing Deputy Sheriff position for calendar year 2006 through 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff will apply for a new fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000.00) State of Wisconsin Community Policing grant, the 2017 award is anticipated to be thirty thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars (\$30,946.00), to be applied to this Deputy Sheriff position for fiscal year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety and Labor Relations and Employee Services Committees are in support of continuing the Community Policing Deputy Sheriff position provided the 2017 amount of thirty thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars (\$30,946.00), in grant monies are available to be applied to the cost of the position; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Community Policing Grant be awarded at an amount other than thirty thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars (\$30,946.00), the Sheriff's Office will notify the Public Safety, Finance and LRES Committees for further consideration.

**WHEREAS**, the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee has reviewed the position and has approved the increase in tax levy as shown by the fiscal impact statement attached.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the Community Policing Deputy Sheriff position is hereby renewed for fiscal year 2017, contingent upon the Sheriff's Office being awarded Wisconsin Community Policing grant monies in the amount of thirty thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars (\$30,946.00), to be applied toward the cost of the position for 2017. The remaining cost of thirty thousand nine hundred forty-six dollars (\$30,946.00) is reflected in the proposed Sheriff Office budget for 2017. This position will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Public Safety Committee. If funding for the position decreases, the position will decrease accordingly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that by adoption of this resolution it shall be deemed that an amendment has been made to the County budget for fiscal year 2017 as set forth in the fiscal impact statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Approved by the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee this 5h day of October, 2016.  
Offered and passage moved by Supervisors: Cushing, Fried, Hintz, Pederson and Paszak.

Dan Hess, Sheriff's Office, stated this position is used as community policing position for Lake Tomahawk, Woodruff, Minocqua, Hazelhurst, Nokomis and McNaughton areas. This position is also used for drug enforcement due to the heroin and meth problems in the County. The intent for this position is one half community policing and one half recreational patrol.

**Roll Call Vote:** 16 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent – Krolczyk, Ives, Paszak, Freudenberg and Holewinski.  
Resolution #66-2015: Adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** - None

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:** November 15, 2016 @ 9:30 am. (Annual Budget Meeting)  
(unless a motion is made to change the starting time).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion/Second:** Cushing/VanRaalte to adjourn at 11:15 am, All "Ayes" on voice vote, motion carries.