

Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Mr. Rogacki at 9:00A.M., at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Roll call for attendance: Erv Teichmiller, Mark Rogacki, and Vernon Wiggerhauser in attendance. Excused – Mary Kim Black. Kim Simac arrived at 10:15.

Others present: Jason Hilger, Mary Sowinski, Deb Bohn, Joe Fath, Ken Anderson, Ron DeBruyne, Mark Collins, Rocky Cafarella, Larry Mathein (Medical Examiner for Oneida County), Brian Desmond (Corporation Counsel for Oneida County, Dale Soltow, and Brian Jopek

Motion made by Mr. Teichmiller to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Seconded by Mr. Wiggerhauser. All voting aye. Carried.

Implementing the Medical Examiner Position in Vilas County/Abolish Coroner Position – Larry Mathein, the Oneida County Medical Examiner presented his background to the Committee and was available for discussion regarding the implementation of the Medical Examiner Position. Mr. Teichmiller requested about Mr. Mathein’s standard procedures for when to call for an autopsy and his time available to manage services for Oneida, Forest and Vilas County. He indicated his cases of autopsy stem from examination of the scene and discussion with law enforcement and are decided on a case by case basis and he indicated he has time available to manage all three counties. Mr. Teichmiller asked if Mr. Mathein would hire people from Vilas County to assist and Mr. Mathein indicated that he received 4 calls already from Vilas County inquiring into employment and he fully intends to hire Vilas County residents. Mr. Wiggerhauser asked how his services may be better than our current level of service. Mr. Mathein indicated this is his full time job and he is available 24-7, he maintains office hours every week day, and he will bring better education to the service in Vilas County. He indicated his contract is a fixed amount and there is no incentive to sign more death certificates, have more autopsies, etc. Mr. Mathein indicated he reports to the Oneida County Board regarding budget as a Department Head of Oneida County. Mr. Teichmiller asked about transportation services. Mr. Mathein indicated that in cases where there will likely be an autopsy, he will secure the body from the scene and deliver it to secured storage. Law enforcement may accompany the body if they choose. Mr. Mathein anticipates no changes in services needed by the sheriff’s department. Mr. Teichmiller requested the cost of the services and it was discussed that the preliminary contract is anticipated to be \$90,000. Mr. Rogacki asked Ms. Sowinski about the legal implications and she indicated there is no legal restriction according to the attorney’s general opinion to moving to a medical examiner position; however, the GAB (Government Accountability Board) best practices would have been to abolish the coroner position before election papers were taken out. Motion made by Ms. Simac to request Ms. Milanowski to prepare a resolution to move forward with a medical examiner position, allow discussion with Oneida County and work with Oneida County on a medical examiner contract to be presented to the Finance Committee on October 15th. Seconded by Mr. Rogacki. Aye – Mr. Rogacki, Mr. DeBruyne, and Ms. Simac. Naye – Mr. Teichmiller, Mr. Wiggerhauser. Motion passes.

2015 Budget Target Goals - No discussion.

2015 Budget – A preliminary budget was presented by Mr. Hilger and discussed at length. Various programs were discussed and some budget items were adjusted. Mr. Rogacki directed Mr. Hilger to share the revised budget with department heads and supervisors so they can review changes. Further debate is anticipated at the 10/15/14 Finance and Budget Committee meeting.

Future meeting dates – Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the budget.

There is nothing more on the agenda therefore; the meeting is adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by: Jason Hilger