

**Herkimer County Legislature**  
**Committee on Information Services and Ways & Means**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2020**  
**Via Teleconference**  
**Follows County Properties and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Robert J. Schrader (Chairman, Information Services)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (committee member, both)  
William Keeler, Sr. (Information Services committee member)  
Peter F. Manno (Information Services committee member)  
Ray Donley (Information Services committee member)  
John L. Brezinski (Information Services committee member)  
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means committee member)  
Raymond Smith (Ways & Means committee member)  
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)  
Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (Ways & Means committee member)  
John P. Stephens (Ways & Means committee member)  
Vincent J. Bono (Chairman of the Legislature)  
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Brandy Serow, Sec. to Co. Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Kathy Wright, Director of Information Services

**(Non Committee Members Signed In)**

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Mark Gaworecki  
Legislator Bob Hollum  
Legislator Peter J. Campione  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

N/A

Mr. Bono stated "Next is Information Services. Mr. Schrader, call the meeting."

Mr. Schrader called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Items discussed:**

**INFORMATION SERVICES AND WAYS & MEANS:**

1. Approve purchase of iPads and appropriate funds
2. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**INFORMATION SERVICES AND WAYS & MEANS:**

Mr. Schrader stated “The first thing we are going to approve is the approval of purchase of iPads and appropriate funds. Can I have a motion?”

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Keeler, seconded by Mr. Ackerman for the Information Services Committee and on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Ackerman for the Ways & Means Committee, Item #1 was voted on, approved, and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Sheri Ferdula stated “Just a recap on this, this had come up before where we had discussed it. It’s obviously come back up due to the situation we are finding ourselves in. Before, when we had quotes Kathy got quotes for \$468 per iPad. Right now, we are seeing them in the \$475 to \$500 range and the availability is not great right now on these. So what I am asking for in this letter is to approve up to \$13,500 because I don’t have an exact price as of right now but we do believe that amount will cover the iPads, the cases and the keyboards. Just so you understand we don’t have the exact amount but we feel it will be within that or less”

Mr. Schrader stated “Kathy, can you explain to the Legislature about the price you explained to me the other day about securing them for \$503?”

Kathy Wright stated “There is a NY State contract available with a company called SHI and the price through them would be \$473. I spoke with our rep from there the other day and they are out of stock at the moment. This week they are expecting about 1300 and the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> around 2000 so it depends on when we put the purchase order through they should be available sometime this month. The keyboard case is like a single unit, the cheapest price is through a different company. They are out of stock right now but once they come in I don’t have a contact in that company to know when to expect them. The next lowest price I could find was \$58 but we can order the case separately wherever they are available.”

Mr. Schrader stated “So with that said, we are looking at with Sheri’s price, we are looking at about \$503 per iPad. We are hoping Kathy can work with the state on that over the next few weeks. That’s what my concern was and she reassured me that they have them coming in. So, I really don’t see a problem getting the state rate price. Any other Discussion?”

Mr. Shaw asked “What will these iPads do that our personal iPads don’t?”

Sheri stated “Same thing Mr. Shaw. But when you are issued something from the County it is foible so we want you to just use your iPads issued by the County for County business and nothing personal.”

Mr. Shaw stated “Ok.”

Mr. Schrader stated “You will be getting a new email address specifically for when you are given the iPad and that will be what we can do the Intranet though. Everyone will be linked, that way if anyone foils like Sheri said they can just foil that email. I think that will save a lot of issues.

Item #2 – N/A.

At 10:14 a.m., on motion of Mr. Keeler, seconded by Mr. Bono, the Information Services committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.