

**Herkimer County Legislature
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
Friday, May 29, 2020
Via Teleconference**

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Persons Attending:

Patrick E. Russell (Committee Chairman)
Kurt J. Ackerman (committee member)
Raymond Smith (committee member)
Raymond Johnson (committee member)
Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (committee member)
John P. Stephens (committee member)
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Sec. to County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Jim Rathbun, Sewer District Operator

(Non-Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.
Legislator Mark Gaworecki
Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Bob D. Hollum
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Peter F. Manno
Legislator Ray Donley
Legislator Peter Campione

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Items discussed:

WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Approve renewal of contract with Auctions International, LLC
2. Approve appropriation in Sewer District
3. Other

Committee Vote Record:

WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Russell stated “First thing on the agenda is approve renewal of contract with Auctions International, LLC. Who has information on that?”

Sheri Ferdula stated “I do. This is just a renewal of our contract. We use Auctions International to sell all of our surplus equipment. We use it here at the County Building and the Highway Department uses it pretty frequently. It’s no cost to the County and they advertise all of our stuff and send us a check.”

Mr. Russell asked for a motion.

Item #1 - On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Russell stated "Approve appropriation in the Sewer District. Who is speaking on that?"

Jim Rathbun stated "We need to appropriate another \$6,000 to make the final payment to Barton & Loguidice for the I & I study and then we can submit to the NY State ESP and get the final \$15,000 reimbursed."

Mr. Russell asked for a motion.

Item #2 - On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Russell asked if there was anything under other.

Mr. Bono stated "I've got one thing Pat. It probably should have gone under Properties but I just thought about it. The status of our land auction, Lorraine, where are we because that usually happens in the middle of June."

Lorraine Lewandrowski responded "That is usually on going in June. Due to the current situation things are kind of in flux. The Governor's office, the executive orders prohibit what we call taking a default judgment against anyone. The courts are also kind of holding everything right now so we can't predict an exact date. I do know that Kim Enea and her staff have talked with the auctioneer who usually does the advertising to put everything on hold for a bit. I'm hoping we will know in the next month a little bit more about when we will be able to schedule. We have had a couple of people come to submit some late answers now to try to pay at this late date so we are referring them, if they will make a motion with the court, if the court allows it we will go with it. So right now we are kind of in a holding pattern to find out when we can move forward."

Mr. Russell requested a motion to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the Ways & Means committee adjourned at 11:06 a.m.