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**MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
Fourth Quarter – First Day
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
2:00 p.m.**

The Fourth Quarterly Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Vincent Bono at 2:00 p. m.

Chairman Bono called on Garry Murphy, Director of Probation, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bono called for a moment of silence in recognition of all veterans, past and present.

Roll Call: Quorum present, the following answering the roll:

Present: Schrader, Wellington, Johnson, Stephens, Hyde, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Peplinski, Korce, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (15).

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the County Legislature, Chairman Bono asked if there were any objections or corrections to the minutes of September 16, 2015. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

Chairman Bono dispensed with the regular session to allow for the presentation of a proclamation. Chairman Bono called on Raymond Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Human Resources to present the proclamation. Mr. Smith read the proclamation which proclaimed the month of October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”. He presented the proclamation to Jackie Ward, Director of the Domestic Violence Program of Catholic Charities. Mrs. Ward expressed appreciation for the recognition and the support from the County for the Program. She gave statistics on the services they provide for victims of domestic violence in Herkimer County.

Chairman Bono then called on Maureen Petrie from the Herkimer County Prevention Council of Catholic Charities. Ms. Petrie spoke on the growing heroin problem in Herkimer County. She stated there are now 1.5 million chronic heroin users in the United States and they are not confined to any income level or demographic, adding that the increase is markedly seen in white males 18 to 25 and the number of women heroin users has doubled since 2006. She stated that prescription drugs have become the gateway drug to heroin. Recent CDC statistics state that fatal overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental death over traffic fatalities and gun homicides in this country. She stated that in the past 6 months in Herkimer County

there has been an increase in drug arrests associated with heroin, and admissions to treatment for heroin have more than doubled since 2013 in Herkimer County. Most importantly she stated that young people have been lost in Herkimer County due to heroin overdose. She discussed the Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County which consists of the Office of Mental Health, Sheriff's Department, local law enforcement and school personnel and others who have dedicated their time to addressing this problem. This Partnership Coalition has trained 60 people to administer the drug Narcan that can reverse the effects of a heroin or opiate overdose, and has also provided community awareness and education through social media and they have just obtained a grant. She concluded by saying that more has to be done in the education, awareness and treatment without stigma of this growing problem.

Pursuant to Rule 11, Chairman Bono opened the floor for public comment. There were no appearances.

Chairman Bono stated that the communications received by the Legislature and the committees to which they were referred were as listed on the agenda and asked if any member of the Legislature requested mention of any particular communication. There were no requests.

No. 279 – A communication was received from D'Arcangelo & Company submitting audit of County for year 2014. Placed on file.

No. 280 – A communication was received from the STOP-DWI Coordinator submitting the 2016 STOP-DWI Plan. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 281 - A communication was received from the Budget Officer submitting request for budget amendment in connection with COLA reimbursement for Immunization Action Plan Grant. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 282 – A communication was received from the Director of Probation submitting Probation Department Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Management.

No. 283 - A communication was received from the Director of Real Property Tax Services requesting renewal of contract for assessment services for the Town of Stark. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 284 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer requesting a budget amendment in connection with COLA reimbursement in connection with Rabies Grant. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 285 – A communication was received from the Herkimer County Sewer District submitting a resolution concerning the appointment of legal counsel. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 286 – A communication was received from Assemblyman Butler acknowledging receipt of a resolution. Placed on file.

No. 287 – A communication was received from Legislator John Stephens submitting his resignation from the Humane Society Board of Directors. Placed on file.

No. 288 – A communication was received from the New York State Association of Counties submitting official resolutions adopted at the Annual Meeting. Placed on file.

No. 289 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer submitting request for a budget amendment in connection with the Sheriff's Homeland Security Grant. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 290 – A communication was received from the Sheriff advising of the receipt of a Homeland Security Grant. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 291 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services requesting approval of Policies and Procedures. Referred to the Committee on Information Services.

No. 292 – A communication was received from the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority submitting minutes and recently adopted resolutions. Placed on file.

No. 293 – A communication was received from the County Treasurer advising of filing of public notice of audit for year 2014. Placed on file.

No. 294 – A communication was received from the Chairman of the Legislature making appointment to Humane Society Board of Directors. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Bono then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees. Chairman Bono acknowledged the students attending the meeting and asked them to rise and state their name and what school they were attending.

Chairman Bono continued with the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Peplinski, Report and Resolution No. 219 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Management adopting Annual Report of the Probation Department for 2014 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Peplinski, seconded by Mr. Hyde, Report and Resolution No. 220 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Management and the Committee

on Ways and Means approving the 2016 STOP-DWI Plan was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Report and Resolution No. 221 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means amending budget in connection with additional cost of living funding adjustment for Immunization Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 222 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means amending budget in connection with additional cost of living funding adjustment for Rabies Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Report and Resolution No. 223 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways and Means accepting grant and amending budget for Homeland Security Funding for Sheriff's Department was handed up; was voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 224 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means approving Sewer District Resolution and amending salary schedule for appointment of legal counsel for the Sewer District was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Schrader, Wellington, Johnson, Stephens, Hyde, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Peplinski, Korce, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Korce, seconded by Mr. Russell, Report and Resolution No. 225 sponsored by the Committee on Ways and Means authorizing contract with the Town of Stark to provide assessment services to the Town was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Report and Resolution No. 226 sponsored by the Committee on Information Services adopting Policies and Procedures for Herkimer County Information Services Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Brezinski, Report and Resolution No. 227 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources confirming appointment to Herkimer County Humane Society Board of Directors was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 228 sponsored by the Committee on Education reappointing trustee of Herkimer County Community College was handed up; was voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Peplinski, seconded by Mr. Smith, Report and Resolution No. 229 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency designating member of the Legislature as a member of the County Jury Board was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Peplinski, Report and Resolution No. 230 of the Committee on Ways and Means extending rate of taxes on sales and uses of tangible personal property and of certain services, and on occupancy of hotel rooms and amusement charges, pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Schrader, Wellington, Johnson, Stephens, Hyde, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Peplinski, Korce, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Rose, Luppino (2).

Chairman Bono stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by legislators. The following legislators had comments: Legislator Korce and Chairman Bono.

At 2:24 p.m., on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Wellington, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.