MINUTES Herkimer County Legislature Second Quarter – Second Day Wednesday, April 26, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing on the Open Enrollment Period for 2023 for Inclusion in Agricultural District No. 1 was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Mark Gaworecki, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. The Clerk read the Notice. Mr. Gaworecki then asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on the hearing. There were no requests to speak, and the hearing was declared closed at 6:26 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk Herkimer County Legislature

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Herkimer County Legislature will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed modifications of Herkimer County Agricultural District No. 1. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:25 p.m., in the Herkimer County Legislature Chambers in Herkimer, New York.

One (1) landowner has submitted a request in 2023 for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district, and this request has been filed with the Herkimer County Legislature pursuant to Section 303-b of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. The parcel is located in the Town of German Flatts which is part of or adjacent to Agricultural District No. 1.

The public hearing shall be held to consider this landowner's request and the recommendations of the Herkimer County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

Dated: April 17, 2023.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk Herkimer County Legislature

The Regular Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Vincent J. Bono at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bono called on Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer, 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: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Brezinski, Manno, Swartz, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (14).

Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).

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

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 April 5, 2023. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

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. Mr. Malta requested Communication No. 168 be read.

No. 159 – A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting tax corrections for the month of March 2023. Filed.

No. 160 – A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting invoices for extradition expenses. Filed.

No. 161 - A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting invoices for extradition expenses. Filed.

No. 162 – A communication was received from the Herkimer County IDA submitting Notice of Public Hearing. Filed.

No. 163 – A communication was received from the Herkimer County IDA submitting Notice of Public Hearing. Filed.

No. 164 – A communication was received from the Herkimer County IDA submitting Notice of Public Hearing. Filed.

No. 165 - A communication was received from the Herkimer County Soil & Water Conservation District advising of monthly meeting. Filed.

No. 166 - A communication was received from the Solid Waste Authority submitting 2022 Annual Report. Filed.

- No. 167 A communication was received from the Herkimer County IDA submitting amendment to UTEP. Filed.
- No. 168 A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.
- No. 169 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting payments in connection with American Rescue Plan funding. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 170 A communication was received from the STOP-DWI Coordinator submitting 2022 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management.
- No. 171 A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services submitting 2022 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources.
- No. 172 A communication was received from the STOP-DWI Coordinator submitting reappointments for STOP-DWI Advisory Board. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management.
- No. 173 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent awarding bid for bus service to Old Forge for Youth Bureau. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 174 A communication was received from the Town of Norway requesting assistance to purchase raw material for a bank recovery project on Gage Road. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 175 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in connection with grant funding from the Community Foundation. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 176 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment for additional funding in STOP-DWI. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 177 A communication was received from the Director of Community Services requesting to reimburse for professional liability insurance. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 178 A communication was received from the Village of Newport requesting to cancel taxes on a parcel. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

- No. 179 A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting to amend Salary Schedule III in Emergency Services. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 180 A communication was received from the Commissioners of Elections requesting to restructure poll worker pay. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 181 A communication was received from the County Property Agent requesting cancellation of taxes on parcel in the Village of Herkimer County. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 182 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment, creation of accounts and appropriation of funds. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 183 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in connection with County Snow contracts. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 184 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in connection with Indigent Legal Services. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 185 A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting change order for renovations to the Unified Court System. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 186 A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting MOU for Code Blue Plan. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.
- No. 187 A communication was received from the City of Little Falls Attorney requesting cancellation of taxes on parcel in the City of Little Falls. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Bono then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees. Chairman Bono gave updates on a meeting with the Commissioner of Homeland Security, a shared services meeting, and the Brownfield Summit; Legislator Russell, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee gave an update of the State wanting everyone to switch furnaces by the year 2030 and asked for this matter to be looked into.

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Donley, Resolution No. 132 – Resolution No. 134 were handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).

Consent Agenda:

- 132 HUMAN RES.: Approving Annual Report of Social Services Department
- 133 PUB. SFTY./ EMER. MGMT.: Adopting Annual Report of STOP-DWI Program
- PUB. SFTY./ EMER. MGMT.: Reappointing members to STOP-DWI Advisory Board



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 132

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources

WHEREAS, your Committee on Human Resources, to which was referred the Annual Report for 2022 of the Department of Social Services, respectfully reports that we have examined the same, recommend the adoption of said report, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Department of Social Services be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2022.

Dated: April 26, 2023.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 133

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF HERKIMER COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAM

Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management

WHEREAS, your Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Management, to which was referred the Annual Report of the Herkimer County STOP-DWI Program for the year 2022, respectfully reports that we have examined said report and recommend that it be approved, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Herkimer County STOP-DWI Program for the year 2022 be approved and placed on file in the Office of the Herkimer County Legislature.

Dated: April 26, 2023.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 134

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AS REGARDS MEMBERSHIP ON THE STOP-DWI ADVISORY BOARD

Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management

WHEREAS, a communication from Michael J. Edwards, STOP-DWI Coordinator, dated March 29, 2023, advises this Legislature that the STOP-DWI Advisory Board recommends the reappointment of certain members to the STOP-DWI Advisory Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals serving in the following titles and individuals listed are hereby reappointed to the STOP-DWI Advisory Board to serve a term of three years commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026;

Reappointments

Herkimer County Sheriff Reverend Victor McKusick Peter Caiola Adam Jones

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Coordinator of the STOP-DWI Program and the appointees.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

The Chairman continued with the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Manno, Report and Resolution No. 135 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources to provide that the additions to the existing Agricultural District for the year 2023 pursuant to Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law is in compliance with the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



No. 135

REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADDITIONS TO THE EXISTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2023 PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-b OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of Title 6, New York Code Rules and Regulations (6NYCRR) to incorporate the consideration of environmental factors into existing planning, review and decision-making processes of local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, SEQRA requires that all agencies determine whether the actions they directly undertake, fund, or approve may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature has under consideration a request from one landowner pursuant to Resolution 146 of 2004, which established the month of January of each year as the 30-day period in which landowners may petition Herkimer County for inclusion of parcels within the existing agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, your Committee has designated the project as an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA and completed an uncoordinated review of the proposed modifications of the agricultural districts; and

WHEREAS, your Committee has fully considered, assessed and discussed the information contained within the Environmental Assessment Form; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that based on the information provided and discussed, the Herkimer County Legislature has determined that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the reasons supporting this determination are documented on the Environmental Assessment Form, within a packet of attachments to the forms, and on additional supporting documentation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA, the County, as lead agency, hereby issues a negative declaration and directs that the Chairman of the Legislature file and make available the same in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA Law.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Campione, Report and Resolution No. 136 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources approving addition to the existing Agricultural District for the year 2023 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 136

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITION TO THE EXISTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2023

Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law provides for requests by landowners for the inclusion of viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district prior to the county established review period; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the Herkimer County Legislature established the month of January as the 30-day period in which landowners may petition Herkimer County for inclusion of parcels within the existing agricultural district during the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, Herkimer County received a request from one landowner for inclusion of one parcel of land within the existing agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board determined that said parcel proposed for inclusion in the agricultural district consist predominately of viable agricultural land, and that the inclusion of such land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board recommended that said parcel listed on the attached list be included in the agricultural district as viable agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature held a public hearing on April 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature has determined pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature does hereby approve the one parcel listed on the attached list for inclusion in agricultural district as viable agricultural land.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

HERKIMER COUNTY NYS AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS OPEN ENROLLMENT 2023

OWNER	PARCEL NUMBER	ACRES	MUNICIPALITY	DISTRICT	COMMENT	FARM TYPE	
ROGERS, JAMES	121.1-4-48.1	56.0	GERMAN FLATTS	1	NEW OE 2023	MAPLE, LUMBER, FIREWOOD	

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hollum, Report and Resolution No. 137 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means awarding bid for bus service for the Old Forge area transportation program for the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 137

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR BUS SERVICE FOR THE OLD FORGE AREA TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE 2023 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning and Development Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 114 for the year 1993, the Herkimer County Budget Officer and Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise for bids, on an annual basis, for the Old Forge Area Transportation Program in relation to the Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated April 4, 2023, the Budget Officer has advised this Legislature that bids were received, opened and read in accordance with law for bus services in connection with the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program to provide transportation to the Old Forge Area; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has advised that it is the recommendation of your Committees and the Youth Bureau that a contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Hale Transportation, in the sum of \$630.00 per bus, per day, for 144 regular runs and 2 runs for orientation, for a total of \$91,980; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature awards a contract to Hale Transportation, 37 Kirkland Avenue, Clinton, New York 13323, for bus service for the Old Forge Area Transportation Program for the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program, in the sum of \$630.00 per bus, per day, for 144 regular runs and 2 runs for orientation, for a total of \$91,980; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer, subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Executive Director of the Youth Bureau, and Hale Transportation.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 138 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting grant, amending budget, and creating account was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 138

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT, AMENDING BUDGET, AND CREATING ACCOUNT

Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning & Development Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 6, 2023, Deborah Kessler, Community Development Director has requested that this Legislature accept funding from the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties in the amount of \$25,619.23 to be used for Herkimer County Leadership training; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 6, 2023, from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2023 and create a revenue account in connection with the receipt of said funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described grant is hereby accepted and that the 2023 budget be amended as follows:

Create:

A1010B.1989H, Community Development, Other Revenue \$25,619.23

Amend:

A1010B.44000, Community Development, Contracted From: \$10,000.00

To: \$35,619.23

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Community Development Director.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 139 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting additional grant funds and amending budget in connection with receipt of STOP-DWI funding was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 139

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIPT OF STOP-DWI FUNDING

Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 311 of 2022, accepted funding from the New York State Highway Safety Program Grant (DWI Crackdown) in the amount of \$17,500 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 29, 2023, from Michael L. Edwards, STOP-DWI Coordinator, he has requested this Legislature accept additional funding in the amount of \$12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 4, 2023 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2023 in connection with the receipt of said funding; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the 2023 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue: A3315A.4389G, Impaired Driving Det., From: \$17,500.00

Federal Aid, Project SD02-10 To: \$29,500.00

Expense: A3315A.44000, Impaired Driving Det., From: \$17,500.00

Contracted Services, Project SD02-10 To: \$29,500.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and STOP-DWI Coordinator.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 140 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending budget in connection with county snow removal contracts was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 140

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 4, 2023, Sheri Ferdula, Herkimer County Budget Officer, has advised this Legislature that due to an increase in sales tax, a budget amendment to the County Snow account will be necessary to pay the final payment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2023 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

\$127,904.97 From: D5110.10100, Maintenance, Temp. Employees

To: D5142.44000, County Snow, Contracted Services

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and County Highway Superintendent.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 141 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending budget in connection with Indigent Legal Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 141

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 41 of 2019 amended the budget in connection with funding for a five year period from the Department of Indigent Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 5, 2023, from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that there is still a significant amount of funding remaining so the grant has been extended until March of 2024 and it is necessary to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2023 to add the final year budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2023 budget be amended as follows:

REVENUE:

A1170B.3025B, ILS From: \$0

To: \$1,329,953.76

EXPENSE:

A1170B.10000-001, ILS, Salaries From: \$0
To: \$71,500
A1170B.40700, ILS, Comp Software From: \$0
To: \$7,000
A1170B. 41000, ILS, Supplies From: \$0
To: \$17,223

A1170B.42000, ILS, Utilities From: \$0

To: \$12,000 From: \$0

A1170B.42100, ILS, Telephone From: \$0 To: \$7,000

> From: \$0 To: \$673,000

A1170B.44000-521, ILS, Rent From: \$0

A1170B.44000, ILS, Contracted Services

To: \$16,000 A1170B.45000-602, ILS CAFA From: \$0

To: \$388,500

A1170B.46100, ILS, Mileage From: \$0

To: \$47,500

A1170B.46100-767, ILS, Training From: \$0

To: \$36,500

A1170B.81000, ILS, Retirement From: \$0

To: \$16,230.76

A1170B.86000, ILS, Health Insurance From: \$0

To: \$37,500

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, and Budget Officer.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Hollum, Report and Resolution No. 142 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means to restructure the poll worker salary schedules in the Board of Elections was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 142

REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO RESTRUCTURE THE POLL WORKER SALARY SCHEDULES IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 6, 2023 from Kim S. Tranter and Robert J. Hoyt, Commissioners of Elections, this Legislature is advised that there is currently a two tier pay structure for the Coordinators and the Inspectors; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have requested a new poll worker pay rate for all Primary Election Day and General Election Day poll workers, excluding Early Voting poll workers, to \$240.00 per full day, with all workers to be cross trained to handle all of the positions involved at the poll site; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Primary Election Day and General Election Day poll workers will be paid \$240.00 per full day, excluding Early Voting poll workers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and Commissioners of Elections.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 143 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means concerning change order on contract for renovations for the Unified Court System and appropriating funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Brezinski, Manno, Swartz, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (14).

Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 143

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER ON CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS FOR THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 64 of 2023, this Legislature awarded a contract to J. Priore Construction, 316 Ontario Street, Utica, NY 13501 in the amount of \$175,000 to complete renovations for the Unified Court System in the 301 North Washington Street building; and

WHEREAS, your Committees have been informed by letter dated April 12, 2023 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer, that the County has been notified that a change order has been presented to cover data cabling work that was not included in the original scope that will increase the cost of the contract by \$9,152.00; and

WHEREAS, your Committees have reviewed said letter concerning said change order and recommend acceptance of same; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer further advises that an appropriation of funds is necessary and that funds have been verified and are available for this appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an appropriation within the 2023 budget be made as follows:

\$9,152 From: A889N, Reserve, Buildings Project 3-2

To: H1620.40000, Capital, Buildings, Contractual Project 3-2

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract entered into pursuant to Resolution No. 64 of 2023 with J. Priore Construction, to complete renovations for the Unified Court System in the 301 North Washington Street building is hereby increased in the amount of \$9,152 bringing the total contract amount from \$175,000 to \$184,152; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said change order on behalf of the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the interfund transfer accounts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, New York State Office of Court Administration, and J. Priore Construction.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 144 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending the budget, creating accounts, and appropriating funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Brezinski, Manno, Swartz, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (14).

Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 144

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET, CREATING ACCOUNTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 23, 2023, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that Michael Edwards, Chairman of the Ethics Board, has requested budget lines be established to accommodate for expenses related to ethics claims; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises that an appropriation of funds, creation of accounts, and a budget amendment to the 2023 Budget will be necessary to fund the accounts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Herkimer County approves the creation of accounts, an appropriation of funds, and a budget amendment be authorized as follows:

\$995	From:	A1990.46000, Contingent Fund, Misc. Expense
	To:	A1470.10000-001, Board of Ethics, Salaries
\$1,000	From:	A1990.46000, Contingent Fund, Misc. Expense
	To:	A1470.41000, Board of Ethics, Supplies (create)
\$5,000	From:	A1990.46000, Contingent Fund, Misc. Expense
	To:	A1470.45000, Board of Ethics, Fees for Services (create)
\$500	From:	A1990.46000, Contingent Fund, Misc. Expense
	To:	A1470.46100, Board of Ethics, Mileage and Travel (create)

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Chairman of the Ethics Board.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Russell, Report and Resolution No. 145 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means amending Salary Schedule No. III in Emergency Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Brezinski, Manno, Swartz, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (14).

Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 145

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE NO. III IN EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management Committee on Ways and Means WHEREAS, by letter dated April 3, 2023, John Raymond, Director of Emergency Services, has requested to amend Salary Schedule III; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 17, 2023, Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, your Committees have been advised that Salary Schedule No. III should be amended to delete two positions of Public Safety Telecommunicator in Account A3021 and add two positions of Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator in Account A3021 at a 2023 base pay rate of \$42,910.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Salary Schedule No. III be amended to delete two positions of Public Safety Telecommunicator in Account A3021 and add two positions of Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator in Account A3021 at a 2023 base pay rate of \$42,910.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and Director of Emergency Services.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Report and Resolution No. 146 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing reimbursement for professional liability insurance to Mental Health consultant was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



No. 146

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE TO MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Dr. Vinay Patil is a psychiatrist under contract to provide services to Herkimer County Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 31, 2023, Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, has requested that Dr. Patil be reimbursed for a sum not to exceed \$1,500

annually for professional liability insurance in connection with special psychiatric services provided to inmates at the Herkimer County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, your Committees have taken this matter under consideration and recommend said reimbursement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dr. Vinay Patil, be and he hereby is, authorized to receive reimbursement, upon receipt of proper documentation for a sum not to exceed \$1,500 annually for professional liability insurance associated with special psychiatric services provided to inmates at the Herkimer County Correctional Facility; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Director of Community Services.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 147 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing cancellation of outstanding tax liens on former school building in the Village of Newport was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 147

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING TAX LIENS ON FORMER SCHOOL BUILDING IN VILLAGE OF NEWPORT

Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, the premises located at East Street in the Village of Newport, having Tax Map No. 094.47-2-8.2 [hereafter "the premises"] was the subject of the In Rem proceedings brought by the County of Herkimer for the tax year 2008; and

WHEREAS, by letter of Mayor Marc W. Butler dated April 3, 2023, the Village of Newport has requested that the County cancel and forgive all outstanding tax liens on the former West Canada Valley Elementary School located on East Street in the Village of Newport [hereinafter "the premises"]; and

WHEREAS, the County has been advised that the Village of Newport will take title to the premises from the prior owner, Roy Wood of 174 Shells Bush Road, Herkimer, New York 13350, and that the Village of Newport will enter into an agreement with the County providing

that upon proof of Village ownership of the premises, the County will cancel outstanding tax liens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Village of Newport upon proof of recording of the deed to the premises from the prior owners to the Village of Newport in the Office of the County Clerk, the County will cancel all outstanding tax liens on the premises, being the amount of \$17,665.29; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement between the County and the Village of Newport will provide that in the event that the Village sells the property for an amount in excess of the general fund revenues expended by the Village to prepare the property for resale, the Village shall reimburse the County for the amount received by the Village in excess of the general funds (excluding grant funds) expended by the Village up to the amount of taxes forgiven by the County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event that the Village of Newport takes title to the premises and enters into an agreement with the County containing the above terms, this Legislature shall determine that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of tax liens on the parcel, and supplementary proceedings to enforce collection will not be effective, and the County will cancel the delinquent tax lien on the premises and the County Property Agent is directed at that time to issue and file a Certificate of Cancellation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, County Auditor, County Property Agent, and the Village of Newport.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 148 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing payment to the Town of Norway was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 148

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE TOWN OF NORWAY

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, a communication has been received by this Legislature from the Town of Norway requesting American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase raw material for a bank recovery project on Gage Road; and

WHEREAS, Herkimer County will recoup sufficient funding for revenue replacement to be used for the provision of governmental services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to execute payment of \$30,000 to the Town of Norway to purchase raw material for a bank recovery project on Gage Road; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and the Town of Norway.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 149 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing payments for requests from American Rescue Plan funding was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 149

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR REQUESTS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16 of 2023 authorized \$50,000 of the County's American Rescue Plan funding to each Legislator to distribute within their districts as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 11, 2023 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, she has advised that communications have been received requesting funding and have been approved for payment by the Legislator receiving the request for payment as follows:

MOVAC	\$5,000	Keeler	Fly Car
Village of Herkimer	\$5,000	Schrader	Gazebo at Myers Park
Village of Herkimer	\$5,000	Malta	Gazebo at Myers Park
Village of Herkimer	\$5,000	Gaworecki	Gazebo at Myers Park
Village of Middleville	\$10,000	Shaw	Library Repairs
Town of Herkimer	\$2,000	Malta	Walking Trail
Herkimer VFW	\$5,000	Schrader	Repairs
Herkimer VFW	\$2,500	Gaworecki	Repairs
Herkimer VFW	\$5,000	Malta	Repairs
Friends of HH	\$2,500	Gaworecki	Old Jail Renovations
Cedarville FD	\$12,500	Donley	Lift, Playground

Town of Winfield	\$5,000	Donley	Handicapped Accessibility
Ilion Snowdrifters	\$7,000	Donley	Ansel System
Village of Winfield	\$17,500	Donley	Jaw of Life, Repairs, Speed Sign
Winfield Medical	\$2,680	Donley	Repairs
East Herkimer FD	\$2,500	Schrader	Building Upgrades
Herkimer Police	\$300	Schrader	Electric Bike
Herkimer Police	\$3,042	Malta	Electric Bike
Herkimer Police	\$920	Gaworecki	Electric Bike
E. Herkimer Snowriders	\$1,500	Schrader	Handicapped Accessibility
Newport Fire	\$16,600	Weakley	Equipment

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for payment to the above recipients in the amounts listed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, and Budget Officer.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 150 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing Memorandum of Understanding for Code Blue Plan was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 150

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CODE BLUE PLAN

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 6, 2023 from Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, this Legislature is advised that a warming center has been established by the organization called Loaves and Fishes LLC, 127 N. Prospect Street, Herkimer, NY 13350, where they currently lease space at the Salvation Army to provide respite to homeless individuals, and they have submitted a request for Code Blue funding through the Department of Social Services; and;

WHEREAS, said letter further requests the submission of an amendment to the current Code Blue Plan to include funding to the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center not to exceed \$16,307 for the current plan year, and the submission of the 2023-2024 Code Blue Plan to include funding not to exceed \$139,012 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with each plan to include any administrative expenses incurred by Herkimer County to ensure 100% Code Blue reimbursement;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has also requested the Chairman be authorized to enter into any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or agreement as approved by the County Attorney in connection with each of these plans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the amendment to the current Code Blue Plan to include funding to the Loaves and Fishes Warming Center not to exceed \$16,307 for the current plan year, and the submission of the 2023-2024 Code Blue Plan to include funding not to exceed \$139,012 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with each plan to include any administrative expenses incurred by Herkimer County to ensure 100% Code Blue reimbursement are hereby approved; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a MOU or agreement in connection with these plans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioner of Social Services, and Loaves and Fishes LLC.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 151 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing cancellation of outstanding tax liens on 23 Furnace Street in the City of Little Falls was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 151

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING TAX LIENS ON 23 FURNACE STREET IN THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties Committee on Ways & Means WHEREAS, the premises located at 23 Furnace Street in the City of Little Falls having Tax Map No. 114.68-2-11 [hereafter "the premises"] have been acquired by the City of Little Falls from a private property owner following a house fire; and

WHEREAS, by letter from Jennifer Chrisman, Esq., Attorney for the City of Little Falls, the City of Little Falls advises that the building on the above premises has been torn down by the City of Little Falls, leaving a vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls has requested that the County cancel and forgive all outstanding tax liens on 23 Furnace Street in the City of Little Falls; and

WHEREAS, the County of Herkimer has been advised that the City of Little Falls will enter into an agreement concerning cancellation and forgiveness of all outstanding tax liens on the premises; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Little Falls concerning tax forgiveness by the County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement concerning the premises will authorize the cancellation and forgiveness of all outstanding tax liens on the premises, being \$1,983.85, plus interest and penalties; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement between the County and the City of Little Falls will provide that in the event that the City sells the property for an amount in excess of the general fund revenues expended by the City to prepare the property for resale, including demolition, the City shall reimburse the County for the amount received by the City in excess of the general funds (excluding grant funds) expended by the City up to the amount of taxes forgiven by the County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, upon execution of the above described agreement by the City of Little Falls and the County of Herkimer, this Legislature shall determine that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of tax liens on the parcel, and supplementary proceedings to enforce collection will not be effective, and the County will cancel the delinquent tax lien on the premises and the County Property Agent is directed at that time to issue and file a Certificate of Cancellation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, County Auditor, County Property Agent, and the City of Little Falls.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Resolution No. 152 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management in support of efforts to improve Probation and Alternatives to Incarceration in New York State and protect the public and reduce reliance on prisons, jails, and detention was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None. Absent: Johnson, Stephens, Keeler (3).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



No. 152

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PROBATION AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN NEW YORK STATE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON PRISONS, JAILS, AND DETENTION

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management

WHEREAS, County Probation Departments are an integral part of the Criminal Justice System and operate within the legal framework of the Criminal Procedure Law, the Penal Law, and the Family Court Act; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Council of Probation Administrators, representing Probation Directors, Administrators, and Commissioners, has diligently worked with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and state leaders to bring more awareness to the important work that Probation does to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of Probation to protect the community through intervention in the lives of those under supervision by facilitating compliance with court orders and serving as a catalyst for positive change; and

WHEREAS, state funding for Probation was drastically reduced between 1990 and 2023 from a 46.5 percent state share in 1990 to less than 10 percent in 2023, putting a huge strain on counties and cost to county property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, at the same time there have been increases in the number of mandated programs and services County Probation Departments are required to provide; and

WHEREAS, *inter alia*, the End Probation Fees Act (Sepulveda), repealing section 257-c of Executive Law:

- Eliminates provisions as found in specified state laws which create mandatory court surcharges or fees to be paid by those convicted under these laws. These fees and surcharges include mandatory court surcharges, DNA databank fees, crime victim assistance fees, probation fees and sex offender registration fees.
- Eliminates the possibility of a driver's license from being suspended for failure to pay a mandatory surcharge or fee
- Eliminates all mandatory minimum fines under the penal law and the vehicle and traffic law
- Mandates that courts engage in an individual assessment of a person's financial ability to pay and that this assessment be used when determining the amount of any fine imposed

- Eliminates the ability of county or city to impose any fee on individuals currently serving or who shall be sentenced to a period of probation upon conviction of any crime. This shall include but not be limited to an administrative fee, supervision fee, monitoring fee, testing fee, or screening fee paid to the local probation department with the responsibility of supervising the probationer
- Eliminates incarceration as a remedy for an alleged failure to pay a fine, surcharge, or a fee
- Vacates existing warrants issued solely on a person's alleged failure to timely pay
 a fine, surcharge, or fee and ends existing sentences of incarceration based on
 such failure
- Vacates existing unpaid surcharges, DNA databank fees, crime victim assistance fees, sexual offender registration fees, supplemental sex offender victim fees, or probation or parole supervision fees

and

WHEREAS, while the intent of the legislation may be admirable in the context of social justice, fees collected through the pre- and post-trial processes help support the ever-growing infrastructure and operations of the criminal justice system, whether it be local justice courts, county probation offices, or community supervision programs; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of said fees, and in order to remain compliant with the preand post-trial requirements of the criminal justice system, those expenses will be placed on the shoulders of the real property taxpayer statewide; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the real property taxpayers will never have contact with the criminal justice system and the real property taxpayer in New York State is stretched to their limit; and

WHEREAS, elimination of said fees is yet another unfunded mandate for the law-abiding citizens that dutifully pay their taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature calls upon the New York State Legislature to reject the End of Probation Fees Act as currently written, whether in 2023 or any other legislative session; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Joseph A. Griffo, the New York State Association of Counties, and New York State Council of Probation Administrators.

Dated: April 26, 2023.

Chairman Bono stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by Legislators. The following Legislators made a comment: Legislator Russell and Chairman Bono.

At 7:20 p.m. on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk