

**Herkimer County Legislature
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
Friday, November 1, 2024
Legislature Chambers
Follows County Planning & Development and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Kurt J. Ackerman (Committee Chairman)
Peter J. Campione (committee member)
Ray Donley (committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (committee member)
Bob Hollum, Chairman of the Legislature
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to Co. Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Jill Schrader, Personnel Office
Kimberlee Enea, County Treasurer
Laura Carpenter, Deputy County Clerk

(Non-Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John Brezinski
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Ron Beach, Jr.
Legislator Don Haehl

Absent:

William Weakley (committee member)

Items discussed:

WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Approve contract with Benefit Resource, Inc for administration of a Health Reimbursement Account Plan
2. Approve printing of up to 75 copies of Tentative Budget for 2025
3. Set Public Hearing on 2025 Budget
4. Approve Mortgage Tax Semi Annual Report – April 2024 – September 2024
5. Discussion of proposed settlement with Erie Blvd. Hydropower tax challenge
6. Authorizing County Attorney to discuss settlement in the matter of Estate of Karen C. Prindle vs. County of Herkimer pursuant to Real Property Tax Law
7. Adopt Introductory Local Law B of 2024 – Salaries
8. Other - Creation of an additional ADA at the current base salary to be reviewed after a two year window
9. Adopt Salary Schedules I, II, III, IV, V, VI
10. Adopt hourly Salary Schedule

Committee Vote Record:

WAYS & MEANS:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #2 - On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, the Ways & Means committee went into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m., under Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (d) for Item #5 and Item #6 and Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (f) for Item #7 through Item #10.

Item #5 – Discussion only. No vote taken.

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #6 was voted on and approved. Yes: Ackerman, Campione, Donley, Malta, Hollum (5). No: Gaworecki (1). Absent: Weakley (1).

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Yes: Campione, Donley, Malta, Hollum (4). No: Ackerman, Gaworecki (2). Absent: Weakley (1).

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #9 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #9 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Mr. Hollum was marked absent.

Item #10 - On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #10 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Campione, the committee came out of Executive Session at 10:59 a.m.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, the Ways & Means committee adjourned at 11:01 a.m.