

**Herkimer County Legislature
Administration/Veterans' Affairs and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, February 28, 2025
Legislature Chambers
Following County Planning & Development and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Robert J. Schrader (Chairman, Administration/Veterans' Affairs)
Kurt Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means, Admin./Veterans' Affairs committee member)
John L. Brezinski (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
Michael Bick (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
Cynthia A. Bennett (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
John Brewer (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
Peter J. Campione (Ways & Means committee member)
Ray Donley (Ways & Means committee member)
William Weakley (Ways & Means committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (Ways & Means committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Ways & Means committee member)
Bob Hollum, Chairman of the Legislature
James Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Jennifer DeMetro, County Clerk
Teresa Robotham, Commissioner of Elections
Robert Hoyt, Commissioner of Elections
(Non Committee Members signed in)
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Anthony J. Lucenti
Legislator Don Haehl
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

N/A.

Mr. Schrader for the Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Items Discussed:

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

1. Approve Annual Report of the County Clerk
2. Other

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS/WAYS & MEANS:

3. Approve contract with the Landbank
4. Authorize Home Rule request – Occupancy Tax
5. Authorize Home Rule request – Sales Tax (2 year)
6. Authorize Home Rule request – Mortgage Tax
7. Approve purchase of Poll Sync kit in Board of Elections
8. Discussion on Salary Schedule changes in the County Clerk's Office

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

9. Other - Resolution opposing HALT

Committee Vote Record

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #2 – N/A.

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Brezinski for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Campione for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #4 – Discussion only. No vote taken.

Item #5 – On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Bick for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Bick for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Bick for the Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee and on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Ackerman for the Ways & Means Committee, the committees went into Executive Session at 10:07 a.m., under Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (f). On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Bick for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #8 was voted on, approved, and moved for Resolution. On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Bick for the Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee and on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Campione for the Ways & Means committee, the committees came out of Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Item #9 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Brezinski for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, Item #9 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

At 10:24 a.m., on motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Ms. Bennett for the Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee, the committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.