

Herkimer County Legislature
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, February 28, 2025
Legislature Chambers
Following Administration/Veterans' Affairs and Ways & Means

Persons Attending:

William Weakley (Chairman, Human Resources and Ways & Means committee member)
Robert J. Schrader (Human Resources committee member)
John L. Brezinski (Human Resources committee member)
Cynthia A. Bennett (Human Resources committee member)
John Brewer (Human Resources committee member)
Anthony J. Lucenti (Ways & Means committee member)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Peter J. Campione (Ways & Means committee member)
Ray Donley (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
Christina Cain, Public Health Director
Kathy Fox, Director, Office for the Aging
Kristen Snyder-Branner, Community Services Director
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner, DSS
(Non Committee Members Signed In)
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator Michael Bick
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Don Haehl
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

N/A.

Mr. Weakley called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Items discussed:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

1. Approve Annual Report of Public Health
2. Approve Annual Report of Office for the Aging
3. Other

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

4. Approve renewal of HIICAP contract with Catholic Charities in Office for the Aging
5. Approve renewal of contract with DSS for NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement in Office for the Aging
6. Approve renewal of EISEP and Unmet Need Contracts with multiple providers in Office for the Aging
7. Approve contract for Meals on Wheels in West Winfield
8. Approve reimbursement for Professional Liability Insurance in Mental Health
9. Approve contract with Healthy Alliance for partnership and reimbursement under the waiver as a Social Care Network Organization in Public Health
10. Approve purchase and authorize Chairman to sign contract for the Full-Service Medicaid and eSTACS module in Public Health
11. Except Early Intervention Grant and authorize Chairman to e-sign in Public Health

12. Amend budget due to funding received for opioid crisis through DSS and Mental Health
13. Other

Committee Vote Record:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #2 – On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #3 – N/A.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Mr. Lucenti for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Hollum were marked absent.

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Malta for Ways & Means, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Mr. Hollum was marked present.

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #9 – On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Lucenti for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #9 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #10 – On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #10 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #11 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Hollum for Ways & Means, Item #11 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #12 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Lucenti for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #12 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #13 - N/A.

At 10:41 a.m., on motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett, the Human Resources Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.