

**Herkimer County Legislature
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
Friday, October 31, 2025
Legislature Chambers
Follows Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Kurt J. Ackerman (Committee Chairman)
Ray Donley (committee member)
William Weakley (committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (committee member)
Don Haehl (committee member)
Peter J. Campione, Chairman of the Legislature
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to the County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Jennifer DeMetro, County Clerk
Kimberlee Enea, County Treasurer
Mark Nagele, Superintendent of Highways

(Non-Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Bob Hollum
Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Anthony J. Lucenti
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

N/A.

Items discussed:

WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Approve NYMIR Insurance renewal - **Tabled**
2. Adopt Introductory Local Law C of 2025 - Salaries
3. Adopt hourly Salary Schedule
4. Approve printing of up to 75 copies of Tentative Budget for 2026
5. Approve update to Purchasing Policy
6. Set Public Hearing on 2026 Budget
7. Amend budget in Mental Health due to an increase in state aid
8. Approve Mortgage Tax Semi Annual Report – April 2025 – September 2025
9. Approve purchases of large equipment using County monies and appropriate funds in Highways
10. Approve purchase of a Cat M318 Wheeled Excavator using CHIPS monies and amend budget in Highways
11. Approve increase request for Estimated Expenditure for the 2025/2026 snow and ice season
12. Tax Certiorari appraisal – Tractor Supply
13. Approve payment of remaining legal fees for bond project
14. Other – Discussion on particular employees
15. Other – Discussion on possible litigation

Committee Vote Record:

WAYS & MEANS:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Haehl, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Item #1 was tabled. Unanimous.

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

Mr. Ackerman was marked absent.

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

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

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

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

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

Mr. Ackerman was marked present.

Item #10 – On motion of Mr. Haehl, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #10 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #11 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #11 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Abstain: Gaworecki (1).

Item #12 – On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #12 was voted on and approved giving permission to County Attorney to move forward as needed. Unanimous.

Item #13 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #13 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Campione for the Ways & Means Committee, the committee went into Executive Session at 10:33 a.m., under Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (f) and Section 105 (d).

Item #14 – Discussion only. No vote taken.

Item #15 – Discussion only. No vote taken.

The Ways & Means Committee continued under executive session for the second Ways & Means meeting.