

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Ways & Means Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 26, 2025  
Legislature Chambers  
Follows Education 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  
Beth Sadlon, Director of Real Property Tax Services  
Kimberlee Enea, County Treasurer

**(Non-Committee Members Signed In)**

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

**Absent:**

N/A.

**Items discussed:**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

1. Adopt 2026 Budget
2. Appropriation Conduct of County Govt. for 2026, Levy Consolidated Health Taxes, Levy Taxes, Equalization Table, Levy for Unpaid School, Village and City Taxes, Approve Forms and Footings, Levy for Town Budgets, Approve Warrants, Approve Equalization Rates for 2026
3. Allow County Auditor to process refunds and corrections for 2026 - \$2,500 or less
4. Approve Dues for 2026, Approve Conferences for 2026
5. Contracts with Non-Profits for 2026, Contract with Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, Contract with Mid-York Library
6. Chairman's and Clerk's Certificate
7. Approve minutes for 2025
8. Approve agreement with Bassett Medical Center for Police Officer physicals
9. Approve agreement with Slocum-Dickson Medical Group for employee and DOT physicals
10. Ethics Board appointment – Lewosko
11. Amend budget and create reserve account for JUUL settlement
12. Approve Retirement Reporting Resolution – Wallace
13. Approve transfer of funds in connection with Mohawk Valley EDGE contract
14. Extending Temporary position in Treasurer's Office

15. Approve budget amendment due to additional funding for the Snowmobile Maintenance Grant
16. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**WAYS & MEANS:**

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

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

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

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

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

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

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

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #8 was voted on and approved. Unanimous.

Item #9 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #9 was voted on and approved. Unanimous.

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

Item #11 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #11 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #12 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #12 was voted on and approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

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

Item #14 – On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Item #14 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #15 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #15 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #16 – N/A.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Weakley, the Ways & Means committee adjourned at 11:33 a.m.