

MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
Fourth Quarter – Third Day
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law C for 2025 was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Legislator Kurt J. Ackerman, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. The Clerk read the notice of the hearing. Legislator Ackerman then asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on the local law. There were no requests to speak and the hearing was declared closed at 6:15 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk
Herkimer County Legislature

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer, State of New York, on October 22, 2025, Introductory Local Law C for the year 2025 entitled: “A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARIES OF SOME ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND COUNTY OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR A FIXED TERM DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE.”

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed Local Law, to be conducted by the Committee on Ways and Means, in the Legislative Chambers at the County Office Building, Herkimer, New York, on the 12th day of November, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. at which time all persons interested will be heard.

Dated: November 3, 2025.

By Order of the Herkimer County Legislature

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for the Herkimer County Sewer District to be used in the year 2026 was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Cynthia A. Bennett, Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. The Clerk read the notice of the hearing. Legislator Bennett asked if anyone wished to speak at the hearing. There were no requests to speak and the hearing was declared closed at 6:18 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk
Herkimer County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT TO BE USED IN THE YEAR 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Roll for the Herkimer County Sewer District for the year beginning January 1, 2026 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Herkimer County Legislature at the County Office Building in Herkimer, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer will hold a public hearing on the said Assessment Roll to hear and consider any objections which may be made to the Assessment Roll at the Herkimer County Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building in the Village of Herkimer, New York, on the 12th day of November, 2025 at 6:17 p.m.

Dated: November 3, 2025.

The Regular Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Peter J. Campione at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Campione called on Legislator Kelly Wares, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Campione called for a moment of silence in recognition of all veterans, past and present.

Roll Call: Quorum present, the following answering the roll:

Present: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the County Legislature, Chairman Campione asked if there were any objections or corrections to the minutes of October 22, 2025. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

Pursuant to Rule 11, Chairman Campione opened the floor for public comment. 1) Wendy Richardson, Fort Plain – Cornell Cooperative Extension Annual Business Meeting.

Chairman Campione stated that the communications received by the Legislature and the Committees to which they were referred were as listed on the agenda, and asked if any member of the Legislature requested mention of any particular communication. There were no requests.

No. 400 – A communication was received from Sandy Hendrix expressing thanks for donation in Leonard Hendrix's memory. Filed.

No. 401 – A communication was received from the Director of the Office for the Aging requesting to renew contract for Registered Dietician Services. Filed.

No. 402 – A communication was received from the Director of the Office for the Aging requesting to renew contract with Community Transportation Services Ltd. Filed.

No. 403 – A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting extradition expenses. Filed.

No. 404 – A communication was received from Mackenzie Hughes LLP submitting SEQRA notice of negative declaration. Filed.

No. 405 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services requesting annual maintenance renewal for Bio-Key. Referred to the Committee on Information Services and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 406 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services requesting annual maintenance renewal for Redsky Software. Referred to the Committee on Information Services and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 407 – A communication was received from the Director of Emergency Services requesting purchase of extended service plan for Zetron MAX Call Taker 9-1-1 Telephone system and software. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 408 – A communication was received from the Director of Emergency Services requesting purchase of extended service plan for Zetron MAX CAD system and software. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 409 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting discussion for update on North Gage Road right-of-way. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 410 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting a discussion on tax certiorari matter. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 411 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting discussion on property located on Higby Road. Referred to the Committee on County Properties.

No. 412 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting Chairman to sign Consent and Agreement form supplied by Herkimer Solar, LLC. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 413 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting authorization for preparation of tentative copies of budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 414 – A communication was received from the Director of Community Services requesting amendment to Resolution No. 428 of 2024. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 415 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment to reflect an increase in State Aid in Mental Health. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 416 – A communication was received from the County Treasurer submitting Apportionment of Mortgage Tax. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 417 – A communication was received from the County Clerk submitting Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 418 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment for the purchase of a new van in Office for the Aging. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 419 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting a contract for health insurance Stop-Loss Coverage. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 420 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting to renew contract with ICAN. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 421 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting to renew contract with Beacon Center Inc. for CASAC Services. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 422 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting amendment to contract with JC Logistics for increase. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 423 – A communication was received from the Director of Community Services requesting amendment to MOU with Herkimer County Veterans' Department. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 424 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting amendment to Salary Schedule No. II and No. III in Public Health. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 425 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer – Requesting approval of contract with Excellus Health Plan, Inc. for administrative services. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 426 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting to award bids for chemicals in the Sewer District. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 427 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting appropriation of funds for an equipment purchase in the Highway Department. Referred to the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 428 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting Chairman to sign MOA's with Unions. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 429 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting amendment to budget to complete purchase of large equipment in the Highway Department. Referred to the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 430 – A communication was received from the Sewer District submitting Resolution for user rate increase. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 431 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting amendment to Purchasing Policy. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 432 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting agreement with Beacon Center Inc. for substance abuse screening/testing. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 433 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting change order for locker room renovation project at HCCC. Referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 434 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment and creation of accounts for Aid to Defense grant funding. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 435 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting to amend budget and create project for grant funding in STOP-DWI. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 436 – A communication was received from the Director of the Office for the Aging requesting to approve bid for home delivered meals in the Old Forge area. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 437 – A communication was received from the Director of the Office for the Aging requesting to approve bid for home delivered meals with Trinity Services Group, Inc. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 438 – A communication was received from the County Administrator requesting to establish the Part Time Salary Schedule for the year 2026. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 439 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting to award bid for barn demolition at HCCC. Referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 440 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting amendment to Res. No. 265 of 2025. Referred to the Committee on County Properties.

No. 441 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services requesting agreement with Integrative Systems. Referred to the Committee on Information Services and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 442 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting approval for additional payment to Bond, Schoeneck & King. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 443 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting creation of account and transfer of funds for new data switch and data cooling unit at HCCC. Referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 444 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting amendment to snow & ice contract for increase for 2025/2026 season. Referred to the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 445 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in OFA for Clean & Tune Program. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 446 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting to amend Resolution No. 244 of 2025 for decrease in grant funding in District Attorney's Office. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 447 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting renewal of Insurance Coverages for Herkimer County for 2026. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Campione then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees. Legislator Ackerman, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee gave an update on the 2026 Budget and thanked everyone involved.

Chairman Campione dispensed with the regular session to welcome the students in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves and the school districts they represent and asked the County Attorney to give a brief description of the difference between a voice vote and a roll call vote.

The Chairman continued with the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 323 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending policies and procedures for purchase of goods and services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 323

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 28 of 2025 adopted the Herkimer County Purchasing Policy for 2025; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised of a request to amend the Herkimer County Purchasing Policy to update the listing of employees who are authorized to make purchases on behalf of the County in Section VII, by removing Philomena Lumia and adding Cynthia Vespi; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Policies and Procedures for Purchase of Goods and Services be, and hereby are, amended to remove Philomena Lumia and add Cynthia Vespi; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, and Budget Officer.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 324 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means accepting tentative budget and fixing time and place for public hearing was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 324

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, which was the Committee designated to review the tentative budget for the year 2026 pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the County Law, respectfully reports that there was transmitted to the Chairman of said Committee by the Clerk, a copy of the tentative budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer accepts the tentative budget for the year 2026 as filed, and the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause a notice to be published stating the time and place and purpose of a public hearing on the tentative budget as filed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that such public hearing shall be held in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building in the Village of Herkimer, County of Herkimer, State of New York, on the 10th day of December, 2025 at 6:15 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 359 of the County Law.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Haehl, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 325 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing preparation of tentative copies of budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 325

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF TENTATIVE COPIES OF BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLVED, that the Budget Officer of the County of Herkimer prepare up to seventy-five (75) copies of the tentative budget for the County Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ways and Means of this Legislature is hereby designated as the Committee to review the tentative budget pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the County Law of the State of New York.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 326 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means awarding bids for chemicals at Herkimer County Sewer District was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 326

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS AT HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025, the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that bids were received in accordance with law for the provision of Polymer and Sodium Hypochlorite for the Herkimer County Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Chief Operator Alvin Montana II that the bids be awarded to the lowest bidders as follows:

Sodium Hypochlorite	\$2.614 per gallon	Surpass Chemical Co., Inc. 1254 Broadway Albany, NY 12204
Polymer	\$3.54 per lb for charge pack 1250	Applied Specialties Innovations, LLC. 33555 Pin Oak Parkway Avon Lake, OH 44012

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above bids for the provision of chemicals for the Herkimer County Sewer District be awarded, in the dollar amounts and delivery amounts as stated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Herkimer County Sewer District, and providers.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Report and Resolution No. 327 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means approving Sewer District Resolution concerning sewer user rate increase was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (14).

Against: Holum (1).

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 327

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION CONCERNING SEWER USER RATE INCREASE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 16, 2025, this Legislature is advised that by action on October 15, 2025, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a resolution approving an increase to the per-gallon user rate/sewer rent from \$3.60 per unit (one thousand gallons) to \$4.10 per unit (one thousand gallons) effective January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been forwarded to the Herkimer County Legislature for approval prior to it becoming effective; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves a resolution duly adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board on October 15, 2025, approving an increase to the per-gallon user rate/sewer rent from \$3.60 per unit (one thousand gallons) to \$4.10 per unit (one thousand gallons); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and the Herkimer County Sewer District.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 328 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means adopting Assessment Roll of Herkimer County Sewer District was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 328

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT ROLL OF HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Sewer District has prepared and submitted an assessment roll pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Budget Officer has transmitted the said assessment roll with the tentative budget of the Herkimer County Sewer District for the year 2026 to the Clerk of the Herkimer County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 300 adopted on October 22, 2025, the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer has provided for a public hearing on the said Sewer District Assessment Roll for November 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing has now been held pursuant to said notice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Herkimer County Legislature hereby affirms and adopts the Assessment Roll to be used in the year 2026 as submitted by the Herkimer County Sewer District pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law;

2. That there shall be, and hereby is, levied and assessed the sum apportioned to each such lot or parcel of land within the boundaries of said Herkimer County Sewer District, at the time and in the manner provided by law for the levy of state, county and town taxes;

3. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer and Herkimer County Sewer District.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Lucenti, Report and Resolution No. 329 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract in the Department of Social Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14).

Against: Hollum (1).

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 329

**REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources

Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289 of 2021, authorized the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a contract with Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc. for the provision of mandated Credential Alcohol Substance Abuse Counseling (CASAC) services, which was most recently renewed by Resolution No. 365 of 2023 ; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025 from Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, this Legislature is advised of a request that the Chairman be authorized to renew and execute an agreement with Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc., 3354 Sheridan Drive, Amherst, NY 14226 for the provision of CASAC Services, for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, not to exceed \$20,034, and January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 not to exceed \$20,034; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the above contract with Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc. for the provision of CASAC Services, for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, not to exceed \$20,034, and January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 not to exceed \$20,034; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioner of Social Services, and Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 330 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract with ICAN in the Department of Social Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 330

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ICAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025 from Timothy J. Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to renew a contract with Integrated Community Alternative Network (ICAN), 310 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501, to provide coordination and direct services to twenty-four (24) cases on a continuous basis with services

provided including but not limited to, preventing out of home placement, family reunification and assessment to return home early from placement, with all cases assigned by the Herkimer County case manager supervising this agreement; and

WHEREAS, letter further states the period of this contract would be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$422,576 (which includes \$21,218 allocated to Service Provision for Individual Needs (SPIN) funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves the above requests for the Department of Social Services, and authorizes the Chairman to sign the agreement with ICAN to provide coordination and direct services to twenty-four (24) cases on a continuous basis with services provided including but not limited to, preventing out of home placement, family reunification and assessment to return home early from placement, with all cases assigned by the Herkimer County case manager supervising this agreement for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$422,576 (which includes \$21,218 allocated to Service Provision for Individual Needs (SPIN) funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is further authorized to enter into an annual renewal of said contract after the expiration of the current agreement, upon the same or more favorable terms and conditions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioner of Social Services, and ICAN.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 331 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing renewal of agreement for provision of screening services to Department of Social Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14).

Against: Hollum (1).

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 331

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF SCREENING SERVICES TO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025, Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc., 3354 Sheridan Drive, Amherst, NY 14226, for the

provision of substance abuse screening/testing in child welfare/well-being cases for the Herkimer County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the agreement would run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with the current menu of testing options, attached as Appendix A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Social Services be and hereby are authorized to renew the agreement for the above period of time, with Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc., 3354 Sheridan Drive, Amherst, NY 14226, for the provision of substance abuse screening/testing in child welfare/well-being cases for the Herkimer County Department of Social Services; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is further authorized to enter into renewals of said agreement, after the expiration of the current agreement, upon the same or more favorable terms and conditions; with the final form of said agreement to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioner of Social Services, and Buffalo Beacon Center Corporation dba Beacon Center, Inc.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 332 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting grant funds, creating project, and amending budget in connection with receipt of STOP-DWI funding was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 332

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS, CREATING PROJECT, AND AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIPT OF STOP-DWI FUNDING

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 9, 2025 from John W. Lynch, STOP-DWI Coordinator, he has requested this Legislature accept funding from the New York State Highway Safety Program Grant (High Visibility Engagement Campaign) in the amount of \$24,500 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, as a pass-through funding stream administered by the County; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to create a project and amend the 2025 Herkimer County Budget in connection with the receipt of said funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a project is created and the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue:	A3316000 443890, DWI Grants, Federal Aid, Project 3315C	From: \$0 To: \$24,500
Expense:	A3315000 544000 Impaired Driving Det., Contracted Services, Project 3315C	From: \$0 To: \$24,500

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and STOP-DWI Coordinator.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 333 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting grant, amending budget, and creating account was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 333

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT, AMENDING BUDGET, AND CREATING ACCOUNT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 21, 2025, Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent has requested that this Legislature accept funding from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for "Aid to Defense" which has been made available for the assigned counsel program in the amount of \$171,665 to be used as outlined by the State; and

WHEREAS, said letter also advises that it is necessary to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2025 and create accounts in connection with the receipt of said funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described grant is hereby accepted and that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

A1170000 430891, Public Defender, ATD \$171,665

A1170000 44070, Public Defender, ATD \$171,665

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Keith D. Bowers, dba Enhanced Representation, Inc.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Bick, Report and Resolution No. 334 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means awarding contract for Meals on Wheels for the Old Forge area was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 334

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MEALS ON WHEELS FOR THE OLD FORGE AREA

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, this Legislature is informed by communication dated October 10, 2025 from Kathy Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, that the Herkimer County Office for the Aging, through federal grants received and local sharing, has funds for the Meals on Wheels Programs and reports that the lowest bid price, including the cost of transportation and delivery, has been calculated by and provided by the Office for the Aging; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby authorizes a catering contract for the Meals on Wheels for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, the contract will have an option for two one-year contract renewals with a cost-of-living adjustment each year and the contract would contain a 60-day termination of contract provision:

Area:	Number of meals:	Cost:
<i>Old Forge Area & Other Rural Areas:</i> Pur Foods LLC dba Mom's	Up to 80 meals/day	\$7.78 meal, up to \$153,110.40 for the 12 month period

Meals		
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and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of the Office for the Aging, and Mom's Meals.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Swartz, Report and Resolution No. 335 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means awarding contract for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals Programs was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 335

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAMS

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, this Legislature is informed by communication dated October 23, 2025 from Kathy L. Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, that the Herkimer County Office for the Aging, through federal grants received and local sharing, has funds for the Meals on Wheels Program and reports that the lowest bid price, including the cost of transportation and delivery, has been calculated by and provided by the Office for the Aging; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby authorizes a catering contract for the Meals on Wheels Program for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 to Trinity Services Group, Inc., 477 Commerce Blvd., Oldsmar, FL 34677, at a price of \$5.31 for individual meals and \$5.31 for bulk meals, the contract will have an option for two one-year contract renewals with a cost-of-living adjustment each year and the contract would contain a 60-day termination of contract provision:

Area:	Number of meals:
Herkimer	Up to 100 meals/day
Ilion	Up to 130 meals/day
Frankfort/Schuyler	Up to 45 meals/day

<i>Newport/Middleville/Poland</i>	Up to 50 meals/day
<i>Little Falls</i>	Up to 85 meals/day
<i>Dolgeville</i>	Up to 50 meals/day
<i>West Winfield</i>	Up to 60 meals/day

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer, and with said contract to be subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of the Office for the Aging, and the above listed agency.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 336 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means amending budget in Office for the Aging was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 336

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET IN OFFICE FOR THE AGING

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025 from Kathy Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, this Legislature is advised of a request to amend the budget to cover 2025 expenses for the Unmet Needs – Clean & Tune Program; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025, from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, she has requested to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2025 for the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

A6778000 437890	From: \$180,288
	To: \$190,288
A6778000 545000	From: \$0
	To: \$10,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Director of the Office for the Aging.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 337 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing purchase of van, creating account, and amending budget in Office for the Aging was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 337

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF VAN, CREATING ACCOUNT, AND AMENDING BUDGET IN OFFICE FOR THE AGING

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025 from Kathy Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, this Legislature is advised of a request to purchase a 2025 Ford Handicapped Accessible Van from Coach & Equipment Bus Sales at a cost of \$98,824.76; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025, from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, has requested the creation of an account and to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2025 to complete the above purchase; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the purchase of a 2025 Ford Handicapped Accessible Van for the Herkimer County Office for the Aging, at a cost of \$98,824.76, and that the account be created and the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

A6778000 437890	From: \$190,288
	To: \$289,112.76
A6778000 523000	From: \$0
	To: \$98,824.76

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of the Office for the Aging, and Coach & Equipment Bus Sales.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Report and Resolution No. 338 sponsored by the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Ways & Means approving purchases for large equipment in Highway Department and appropriating funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 338

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASES FOR LARGE EQUIPMENT IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**Sponsored by: Committee on Highways
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 17, 2025, Mark Nagele, County Highway Superintendent, has requested approval for purchase of large equipment for the Highway Department, with County monies being used to pay for the below purchases:

PROPOSED EQUIPMENT	ESTIMATED COST
A. One (1) new 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD 4 WD Crew Cab 172” Mangino Chevrolet, 4447 NY 30 Amsterdam, NY 12010 NYS Contract PC68994	\$52,215.47
B. One (1) new 2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD 4 WD Crew Cab 150” Mangino Chevrolet, 4447 NY 30 Amsterdam, NY 12010 NYS Contract PC68994	\$52,189.27
C. One (1) new 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD 4 WD Crew Cab 159” LT Mangino Chevrolet, 4447 NY 30 Amsterdam, NY 12010 NYS Contract PC68994	\$54,747.67
D. (2) New Swenson PN-035-32 Tailgate Spreaders STCC Cross Conveyors Robert Green Truck Division RT 17 East Exit 107, Rock Hill, NY 12775 Onondaga County Piggyback #0011171/0011142	\$24,668.00
Total	\$183,820.41

and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to appropriate funds for the above purchases; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that funds have been verified and are available for this appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby approves the purchase of items listed above from the companies listed (Items A-D); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that an appropriation be made as follows:

Appropriate

\$183,820.41

From: D0000001 388900, Emergency Disaster Reserve

To: DM5130000 525000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Highway Superintendent, and the above listed companies.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Report and Resolution No. 339 sponsored by the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Ways & Means approving purchase and amending budget in Highway Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 339

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AND AMENDING BUDGET IN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Highways
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, has advised that the County Highway Superintendent is requesting approval to purchase a CAT M318 Wheeled Excavator from Milton CAT, using CHIPS funding, for a cost of \$355,441.28, under NYS OGS #PC69406; and

WHEREAS, letter further advises that it is necessary to amend the 2025 Budget to complete the purchase; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described purchase is approved and the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Amend:

H0000001 450310, Interfund Revenue, Project 806

From: \$208,914

To: \$564,355.28

H5197000 525000, Hwy Equip & Cap Outlay
Other Equipment, Project 806

From: \$208,914
To: \$564,355.28

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the interfund transfer accounts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, County Highway Superintendent, and Milton CAT.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Report and Resolution No. 340 sponsored by the Committee on Highways and the Committee on Ways & Means for amendment to an agreement for snow and ice control with State of New York was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

Abstain: Gaworecki (1).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 340

REPORT AND RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL WITH STATE OF NEW YORK

**Sponsored by: Committee on Highways
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, the County of Herkimer, pursuant to Section 12 of the Highway Law relating to plowing snow and to control snow and ice on state highways in the towns and incorporated villages of the County, has heretofore entered into an agreement dated July 1, 1974, with the State of New York for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 349, adopted on October 23, 2024, the County of Herkimer authorized and approved an extension of said Snow and Ice Control Agreement for a period of five years, mandating performance by the County to control snow and ice on State highways within Herkimer County during the 2024-2029 season; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 21, 2025 from Mark A. Nagele, County Highway Superintendent, he has forwarded an amendment to that agreement to include an increase of \$232,357.82, giving a new gross amount of \$1,775,628.93 for the 2025-2026 season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute this Amendment to the above Agreement for the 2025-2026 snow season; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Superintendent of Highways, and New York State Department of Transportation.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 341 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means amending Salary Schedule No. II and No. III in the Public Health Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 341

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE NO. II AND NO. III IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2025, Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, has requested to amend Salary Schedule No. II and No. III in the Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2025 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, your Committees have been advised that Salary Schedule No. II should be amended to delete a position of Supervisor, Children with Special Needs in Account A4059 and increase the base pay rates for the titles of Supervising Community Health Nurse from \$63,314 to \$66,000 and the Director of Health Services from \$64,952 to \$67,500; and

WHEREAS, Salary Schedule No. III should be amended to increase the base pay rate of the title Senior Family Services Specialist from \$42,200 to \$50,000 in Account A4059; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Salary Schedule No. II be amended to delete a position of Supervisor, Children with Special Needs in Account A4059 and increase the base pay rates for the titles of

Supervising Community Health Nurse from \$63,314 to \$66,000 and the Director of Health Services from \$64,952 to \$67,500; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Salary Schedule No. III be amended to increase the base pay rate of the title Senior Family Services Specialist from \$42,200 to \$50,000 in Account A4059; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the above described changes will take effect December 1, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and Director of Public Health.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 342 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means amending contract in connection with Preschool Special Education Transportation was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 342

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 216 approved a contract with JC Logistics for the operation of Preschool Special Education transportation at a cost of \$624,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 22, 2025, Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, has requested an amendment to the contract with JC Logistics, Frankfort, NY for a 2.3% annual increase to take effect 12/1/25 and run through 11/30/26; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract with JC Logistics, is amended for the operation of Preschool Special Education transportation for an increased cost of \$638,352 per year, for the term of 12/1/25 through 11/30/26; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract with JC Logistics, for said services, with the terms and conditions of said contract to be subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Public Health, and JC Logistics.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 343 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means amending contracts for Herkimer County Mental Health Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 343

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACTS FOR HERKIMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 428 of 2024 authorized contracts for Herkimer County Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025 from Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, this Legislature is advised of requests to amend contracts due to increases in state funding; and

WHEREAS, said contracts shall be supported at the 100% state aid level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute amended contracts with the following agencies to provide services to Herkimer County Mental Health Services:

1. Upstate Cerebral Palsy Association
125 Business Park Drive
Utica, NY 13502
From \$710,776 to \$747,483
2. ARC Herkimer
350 South Washington Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
From \$314,512 to \$320,647
3. Catholic Charities

61 West Street
Ilion, NY 13357
From \$1,156,370 to \$1,175,308

4. Center for Family Life and Recovery
502 Court St., Suite 401
Utica, NY 13502
From \$228,887 to \$235,722
5. Neighborhood Center
624 Elizabeth Street
Utica, NY 13501
From \$207,387 to \$366,581
6. Cornell Cooperative Extension
5657 State Route 5
Herkimer, NY 13350
From \$5,828 to \$5,953

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Community Services, and the above-listed agencies.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Bick, Report and Resolution No. 344 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources, Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and the Committee on Ways & Means amending Resolution No. 219 in connection with Memorandum of Understanding between the Herkimer County Mental Health Department and the Herkimer County Veterans' Service Agency was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 344

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 219 IN CONNECTION WITH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HERKIMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE HERKIMER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs**

Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 219 of 2025 authorized a Memorandum of Understanding between the Herkimer County Mental Health Department and the Herkimer County Veterans Service Agency for the Veterans Service Agency to provide services for the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program; and

WHEREAS, your Committees have been informed by letter dated October 20, 2025 from Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, that the New York State Office of Mental Health has awarded an increase to the Department from \$106,952 to \$109,037 for the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 219 of 2025 is amended to increase the amount from \$106,952 to \$109,037 for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Herkimer County Mental Health Department and the Herkimer County Veterans Service Agency for the Veterans Service Agency to provide services for the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said amended Memorandum of Understanding as an indication of the approval of the same by this Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of the Veterans Service Agency, and the Director of Community Services.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 345 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending budget in the Mental Health Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 345

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated July 15, 2025 from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the 2025 Budget to reflect an increase in State Aid; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

A4320000 434900	From: \$621,649
	To: \$644,070
A4320000 544000	From: \$797,670
	To: \$820,091
A4320000 434322	From: \$2,623,760
	To: \$2,825,450
A4320000 544322	From: \$2,623,760
	To: \$2,825,450

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Director of Community Services.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 346 sponsored by the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means concerning change order on proposal for locker room renovation at Herkimer County Community College was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 346

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHANGE ORDER ON PROPOSAL FOR LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Education
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 131 of 2025 awarded a contract to Pike Construction Services in connection with the locker room renovations at Herkimer County Community College, in the amount of \$1,424,700; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, has advised that a change order has been received from Pike Construction Services, 258 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502, for the removal and replacement of the existing flooring to include asbestos abatement and air monitoring, for an additional \$63,514.55; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby approves the above listed change order for the removal and replacement of the existing flooring to include asbestos abatement and air monitoring for the locker room renovations in the amount of \$63,514.55, bringing the total contract to \$1,488,214.55; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, President of Herkimer County Community College, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance of Herkimer County Community College, and Pike Construction Services.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 347 sponsored by the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means creating account and transferring funds for Herkimer County Community College was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 347

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CREATING ACCOUNT AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Education
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2025, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent is advised that the President of Herkimer County Community College is requesting capital funds be re-appropriated to replace computer infrastructure that has reached end of life; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests the purchase of a new data switch and cooling unit at a cost of approximately \$330,000, the creation of an account, and a transfer of funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to create an account and transfer the following sum from and to the following accounts in the 2025 Budget:

Create:

H2505000 544000, College, Data Equipment

Transfer:

\$330,000 From: H2499000 544000

To: H2505000 544000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, President of Herkimer County Community College, and Vice President for Administration & Finance at Herkimer County Community College.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Lucenti, Report and Resolution No. 348 sponsored by the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means awarding bid for demolition of barn at Herkimer County Community College was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 348

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR DEMOLITION OF BARN AT HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Education
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2025, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, has advised that Herkimer College has received approval from SUNY to allocate remaining funds to different projects within the capital budget; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises bids were received for the demolition of the old barn located on the property and it is the recommendation of the college and the architects that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Bronze Contracting LLC., 9188 State Route 12, Remsen, NY 13438, in the amount of \$47,900; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby awards a bid to Bronze Contracting LLC., for the demolition of the old barn located on the property, at a cost of \$47,900 at Herkimer County Community College; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, President of Herkimer County Community College, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance of Herkimer County Community College, and Bronze Contracting LLC.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 349 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means approving additional expenditures for retainer of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC as counsel for bond purchase was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 349

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR RETAINER OF BOND, SCHOENECK & KING, PLLC AS COUNSEL FOR BOND PURCHASE

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 128, adopted on April 2, 2025 authorized a retainer agreement regarding legal assistance by Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC throughout the process of due diligence and evaluation of the terms and conditions of bond purchases from the Herkimer County IDA, not to exceed \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 201, adopted on June 18, 2025 approved an additional \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, by letter of Lorraine H. Lewandrowski, County Attorney, dated October 21, 2025, a request has been made for an additional \$345.00 to cover an outstanding invoice amount; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an additional \$345.00 is approved to pay an outstanding invoice with Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, and County Auditor.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Resolution No. 350 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties authorizing extension of time to complete purchase of In Rem parcel was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 350

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE PURCHASE OF IN REM PARCEL

Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties

WHEREAS, an online auction was held on September 23, 2025 to October 3, 2025 of the parcels taken by Herkimer County in connection with In Rem foreclosure for the 2022 taxes; and

WHEREAS, purchasers at that auction had until October 31, 2025 to complete the purchase by paying the balance due; and

WHEREAS, the bidder on the parcel located at 3023 State Route 29, Town of Salisbury, having tax map number 102.4-2-50, has requested an extension of time to complete this purchase due to lack of immediate funds as a result of the current federal government shut down; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the purchaser's request is reasonable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the successful purchaser at auction of the above described parcel shall have an extension of time to complete the above described purchase until on or before November 21, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m., subject to the original auction terms and procedures; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if the purchaser has not made payment in full by that date, the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited, and the purchaser shall be prohibited from bidding on parcels in future In Rem auctions or sales for a period of five years; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, County Auditor, County Property Agent, and County Attorney.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Swartz, Report and Resolution No. 351 sponsored by the Committee on Information Services and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing agreement in the Information Services Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 351

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Information Services
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 24, 2025, Michael Testa, Director of Information Services, has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Integrative Systems, 900 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Itasca, IL 60143, to design and develop a web-based application from the following AS/400 systems: County Clerk, Payroll, Office for the Aging, Print Shop, and Real Property; and

WHEREAS, the total cost will not exceed \$41,200, and will be done within a four month period; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above agreement is authorized with Integrative Systems to design and develop a web-based application from the following AS/400 systems: County Clerk, Payroll, Office for the Aging, Print Shop, and Real Property, with a total cost not to exceed \$41,200; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Information Services, and Integrated Systems.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 352 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties amending Resolution No. 265 of 2025 was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 352

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 265 OF 2025

Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 265 of 2025 authorized the transfer of real property to the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 24, 2025 from Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney, this Legislature is advised of a request to amend Resolution No. 265 of 2025 with the following changes:

- Second whereas clause to read:

WHEREAS, the County of Herkimer took title to the properties (designated for the Land Bank) listed on Schedule A along with other properties pursuant to the In Rem Proceeding by Deed recorded on August 12, 2025 at Instrument RP2025-3315; and

- First resolved clause to read:

RESOLVED, that the County of Herkimer has taken title by Deed recorded on August 12, 2025 at Instrument RP2025-3315, and thereafter will transfer the premises... (rest to remain the same)

- Fourth resolved clause to read:

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer... (rest to remain the same)

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 265 of 2025 be amended to include the above listed changes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in all other respects Resolution No. 265 of 2025 shall remain in full force and effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, County Property Agent, and the Land Bank.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 353 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing Chairman to sign Memorandum of Agreements with Unions was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 353

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS WITH UNIONS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2025 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, this Legislature is advised of a request to authorize the Chairman to enter into separate Memorandum of Agreements with CSEA Local 1000, UPSEU (Herkimer County Sheriff's Department Unit), and the Teamsters Local 294; and

WHEREAS, these Memorandum of Agreements will authorize changes to salaries of certain employees and language within each collective bargaining agreement regarding health insurance contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it is authorized for the Chairman to enter into Memorandum of Agreements with the above stated Unions to authorize changes to salaries of certain employees and language within each collective bargaining agreement regarding health insurance contributions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and all other department heads.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 354 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means concerning Stop-Loss coverage for health insurance was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 354

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING STOP-LOSS COVERAGE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 24, 2025 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, this Legislature is advised and your Committee has determined that stop-loss insurance coverage

for the County's health insurance plans for 2026 would best be provided by Excellus Health Plan, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a contract be entered into with Excellus Health Plan, Inc., Utica Business Park, 12 Rhoads Drive, Utica, NY 13502, for health insurance stop-loss coverage for the County of Herkimer for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at a quoted annual premium of \$74.38 per participant per month for specific coverage, with an annual deductible of \$275,000, and individual deductibles of \$1,000,000 on Member #000015359934, \$1,000,000 on Member #000013452250, \$600,000 on Member #00001698715, and \$500,000 on Member #00002952714; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and Excellus Health Plan, Inc.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 355 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means approving contract with Excellus Health Plan, Inc. for administrative services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 355

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH EXCELLUS HEALTH PLAN, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 17, 2025 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, this Legislature is advised of a request for an Administrative Services Contract with Excellus Health Plan, Inc. for group health care benefits for officers and employees of the County, to provide claims processing, administrative services, medical review and managed care services for the County's health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, said contract would be effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the administrative fees for the 2026 Classic Blue Plan is \$57.60 per employee per month, \$61.20 per employee per month for the Blue Preferred PPO, and \$61.95

per employee per month for the EPO Healthy Choices Plan, with the Medicare Supplement Plan for retirees to carry an administrative fee of \$43.90 per employee per month; and

WHEREAS, the administrative fees for 2027 would increase by 2.5%; the administrative fees for 2028 would increase by 2.5%; and

WHEREAS, the contract will also extend the Rx Clinical Concierge Program for 2026 at \$3.40 per contract per month and give authority to extend the program for 2027 and 2028; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into an Administrative Services Contract with Excellus Health Plan, Inc., 12 Rhoads Drive, Utica, New York 13502, for group health care benefits for officers and employees of the county in the amounts as listed above, to be effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of said contracts be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and Excellus Health Plan, Inc.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 356 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means apportioning mortgage tax was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 356

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPORTIONING MORTGAGE TAX

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the report of the Recording Officer and County Treasurer showing the amounts received from the mortgage taxes, respectfully reports that we have examined the report containing the list of mortgages as kept by the Herkimer County Clerk, and herewith submit the following report showing the apportionment to the several towns, villages and the City in the County. Your Committee recommends that the Herkimer County Treasurer be authorized to draw warrants payable to the Supervisors of the several towns and to the City of Little Falls, and to the Treasurers of the incorporated villages in an amount apportioned as indicated on the tabulated statement recommended by the Committee herewith, and your Committee offers the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to draw warrants payable to the Supervisors of the several towns in Herkimer County and to the Treasurer of the City of Little Falls and the Treasurers of the incorporated villages in the County of Herkimer entitled to a portion thereof, in the amounts of mortgage taxes apportioned respectively, and that a certified copy of the Resolution be served by the Clerk of this Legislature on the Herkimer County Treasurer.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX
April 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025

<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>TOTAL TAX</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>INCLUDING</u>	<u>VILLAGES</u>
	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>SHARE</u>	<u>VILLAGES</u>	<u>SHARES</u>
COLUMBIA	\$ 9,263.54	9,263.54		
DANUBE	2,543.57	2,543.57		
FAIRFIELD	35,851.36	33,206.65	MIDDLEVILLE	\$ 2,644.71
FRANKFORT	92,616.50	82,765.55	FRANKFORT	9,681.62
			ILION	169.33
GERMAN FLATTS	59,488.96	37,970.15	ILION	16,087.85
			MOHAWK	5,430.96
HERKIMER	73,710.52	50,654.90	HERKIMER	23,055.62
LITCHFIELD	14,225.49	14,225.49		
C/O LITTLE FALLS	37,753.38	37,753.38		
T/O LITTLE FALLS	9,295.01	9,295.01		
MANHEIM	28,521.99	23,771.17	DOLGEVILLE	4,750.82
NEWPORT	17,126.16	14,792.70	MIDDLEVILLE	346.31
			NEWPORT	1,714.09
			POLAND	273.06
NORWAY	6,144.94	6,144.94		
OHIO	11,590.88	11,590.88		
RUSSIA	21,956.08	20,503.67	COLD BROOK	520.36
			POLAND	932.05
SALISBURY	13,587.13	13,587.13		
SCHUYLER	20,012.64	20,012.64		
STARK	4,944.31	4,944.31		
WARREN	4,375.55	4,375.55		
WEBB	102,034.26	102,034.26		
WINFIELD	15,780.24	13,828.52	WEST WINFIELD	1,951.72
TOTAL	\$ 580,822.51	\$513,264.01		\$67,558.50

Herkimer County Treasurer \$619.09

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 357 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means adjusting wages for hourly employees was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 357

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADJUSTING WAGES FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 31, 2025 from James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator, this Legislature is advised that adjustments must be made to the salaries for the year 2026 for certain employees of the County in various departments who are paid on an hourly basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the wages of all employees of the County of Herkimer paid pursuant to the hourly scale for graded employees be and hereby are, established for the year 2026 as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Hourly Wage 2026</u>
1	15.00
2	15.50
3	16.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following rates are hereby established for the following positions for the year 2026:

<u>Title</u>	<u>2026 Rate</u>
P/T Motor Vehicle License Clerk	\$18.00/hr.
P/T Account Clerk (A4010)	\$16.00/hr.
P/T Clerk (A3110)	\$16.00/hr.
Polling Site Auditing (Board of Elections)	\$16.00/hr.
Voting Machine Technician (Board of Elections)	\$25.00/hr.
P/T Account Clerk (A4320)	\$17.24/hr.
P/T Public Safety Telecommunicator (<5 years' exp.)	\$20.00/hr.
P/T Public Safety Telecommunicator (5 or greater years' exp.)	\$22.00/hr.
P/T Registered Professional Nurses	\$32.45/hr.

P/T Recording Clerk (19 ½ hours/week)	\$18.00/hr.
Hearing Officer	\$16.00/hr.
Nurse Practitioner	\$57.96/hr.
P/T Psychiatric Social Worker	\$40.17/hr.
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	\$81.52/hr.
Account Clerk (Treasurer's Office)	\$17.76/hr.
P/T Clerk (BOE)	\$16.00/hr.
P/T CPS Senior Caseworker	\$31.59/hr.
Computer Programmer	\$40.00/hr.
Poll Worker training sessions	\$40.00/session
Aging Services Aide (Van Driver, Companion Homemaker)	\$18.00/hr.
Aging Services Aide (Meals on Wheels Driver)	\$16.00/hr.
Food Service Helper	\$16.25/hr.
HEAP Examiner	\$18.00/hr.
P/T Clerk (A1410)	\$16.00/hr.
Sr. Community Health Nurse	\$32.45/hr.
Licensed Practical Nurse (A3150)	\$28.74/hr.
Poll Worker (Primary/General/Early Voting/Voter Registration)	\$16.00/hr.
Registered Professional Nurse (A3150)	\$37.11/hr.
Correctional Services Coordinator	\$21.66/hr.
Motor Equipment Operator (small)	\$19.58/hr.
Motor Equipment Operator (large)	\$21.97/hr.
Laborer	\$17.76/hr.
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$23.15/hr.
Automotive Mechanic	\$24.46/hr.

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and all other department heads.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Malta, Resolution No. 358 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means adopting Salary Schedules for the year 2026 was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 358

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR 2026

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

Your Committee on Ways and Means respectfully reports the following Salary Schedule for the year 2026:

We recommend that the County officers and employees be paid equal bi-weekly installments on Thursday, or as near thereto as holidays and other conditions permit, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Herkimer County Legislature and the Herkimer County Personnel Civil Service Rules. These salary schedules reflect salaries for personnel as follows:

Salary Schedule No. 1 -	2026 Legislators and Department Heads
Salary Schedule No. 2 -	2026 Officers & Non-Union
Salary Schedule No. 3 -	2026 CSEA
Salary Schedule No. 4 -	2026 Highway
Salary Schedule No. 5 -	2026 Deputy Sheriffs
Salary Schedule No. 6 -	2026 Attorneys

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Ways and Means as set forth above be, and they hereby are adopted; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Personnel Officer.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Hollum, Resolution No. 359 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means adopting Introductory Local Law C for 2025 was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLUTION ADOPTING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW C FOR 2025

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means of the Herkimer County Legislature desires to report that on the 12th day of November, 2025 pursuant to Resolution No. 299, they held a public hearing on the adoption of Introductory Local Law C for 2025 entitled, “A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARIES OF SOME ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND COUNTY OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR A FIXED TERM DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE” and that there were (no) appearances and (no) objections at the said public hearing; that your Committee advises the adoption and enactment of the said Introductory Local Law and offers the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that Introductory Local Law C for 2025 be adopted in form attached hereto.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW C - 2025

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 - 2026

A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARIES OF SOME ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND COUNTY OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR A FIXED TERM DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE

BE IT ENACTED by the Herkimer County Legislature of the County of Herkimer as follows:

Section 1. The base annual salary of the County Treasurer shall be the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$78,791).

Section 2. The base annual salary of the Director of Real Property Tax Services shall be the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four (\$69,434).

Section 3. The base annual salary of the County Clerk shall be the sum of Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$79,325).

Section 4. The base annual salary of the Personnel Officer shall be the sum of One Hundred Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars (\$100,403).

Section 5. The base annual salary of the Commissioners of Elections shall be the sum of Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$56,650).

Section 6. The base annual salary of the Sheriff shall be the sum of Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$90,672).

Section 7. The base annual salary of the Director of Public Health shall be the sum of Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$93,139).

Section 8. The base annual salary of the Commissioner of Social Services shall be the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$111,133).

Section 9. The base annual salary of the County Highway Superintendent shall be the sum of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Eighteen Dollars (\$127,018).

Section 11. The salary of the County Coroners shall be One Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$151) per call.

Section 12. This Local Law shall take effect forty-five days after its adoption and shall be subject to a permissive referendum.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Lucenti, Report and Resolution No. 360 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means amending Resolution No. 244 of 2025 and amending budget in connection with Crime Victim Services Grant for District Attorney's Office was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 360

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 244 OF 2025 AND AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH CRIME VICTIM SERVICES GRANT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 244 of 2025 accepted a grant from New York State Office of Victim Services in the amount of \$85,220.61 per year for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated November 5, 2025 from Jeffrey S. Carpenter, District Attorney, this Legislature is advised that the District Attorney's Office received notice that an objection was filed relative to the bidding process for the OVS grants and the three-year contract was rescinded; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated November 6, 2025 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer, this Legislature is advised that the New York State Office of Victim Services has decreased the amount of the grant to \$65,974.93 and changed the period to October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, by said letter, the Budget Officer has advised of a request to amend the 2025 Budget to decrease the original amount of \$85,220.61 to \$65,974.93 in the Office of the District Attorney's Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 244 of 2025 is amended to reflect the above described changes and the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute and e-sign the contract for the Herkimer County Victim Services Program in the amount of \$65,974.93 for the period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the above described grant is hereby accepted and that the 2025 budget be amended as follows:

Revenue:

A1167000 443890, DA Grants, Federal Aid	From: \$85,220.61
	To: \$65,974.93

Appropriation:

A1167000 581000, DA Grants, Retirement	From: \$10,000
	To: \$0
A1167000 583000, DA Grants, Social Security	From: \$3,450
	To: \$0
A1167000 583500, DA Grants, Medicare	From: \$800
	To: \$0
A1167000 586000, DA Grants, Health Insurance	From: \$15,970.60
	To: \$10,974.92

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and District Attorney.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 361 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing insurance coverages was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: None.

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 361

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, this Legislature is informed by communication from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, dated October 31, 2025, of a request that certain policies for insurance coverages be approved for the year beginning December 9, 2025 through December 9, 2026, that an overall increase in premiums is noted, and that the totals for each Agency will not exceed the amount listed; and

WHEREAS, sufficient monies are available to cover said expense; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that policies of insurance beginning December 9, 2025, are authorized by this Legislature as follows:

NYMIR
c/o Mang/NBT Insurance Agency
56 North Main Street
Gloversville, NY 12078

<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>2026 PREMIUM</u>
Property	\$141,677.00
Boiler & Machinery	\$ 25,017.00
General Liability	\$110,119.00
OCP	\$ 275.00
Auto	\$121,795.00
Public Officials Liability	\$ 31,745.00
Law Enforcement Liability	\$ 60,697.00
Inland Marine	\$ 32,631.00
Healthcare Gen. & Professional Liability	\$ 61,224.00
Excess Catastrophe Liability	\$ 64,991.00
Excess Employers Liability	\$ 6,670.00
Fire Fee	\$ 521.19
Motor Vehicle Fee	\$ 1,520.00
Crime Insurance	\$ 6,457.00
Cyber	\$ 31,478.31
NYMIR Total-	\$696,817.50

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature be and he hereby is, authorized to execute any documents on behalf of the County of Herkimer in order to purchase said insurance coverages; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Mang/NBT Insurance Agency.

Dated: November 12, 2025.

Chairman Campione stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by Legislators. The following Legislator made a comment: Chairman Campione.

At 7:24 p.m. on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Weakley, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., with a Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget at 6:15 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk