

**Herkimer County Legislature
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2026
Legislature Chambers
Following Education and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Anthony J. Lucenti (Chairman, Human Resources)
Robert J. Schrader (Human Resources committee member)
Cynthia A. Bennett (Human Resources committee member)
John Brewer (Human Resources committee member)
Gene A. Wedemeyer, Jr. (Human Resources committee member)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Mark Gaworecki (Ways & Means committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Ways & Means committee member)
Don Haehl (Ways & Means committee member)
Peter J. Campione, Chairman of the Legislature
James Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Kathy Fox, Director, Office for the Aging
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Michael Bick
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

William Weakley (Human Resources committee member and Ways & Means committee member)
Ray Donley (Ways & Means committee member)

Mr. Lucenti called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

Items discussed:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

1. Amend contract for the Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program in Office for the Aging
2. Accept funds, create accounts and amend 2026 budget for the Mobile Senior Center in Office for the Aging
3. Authorizing contract renewal for Office for the Aging for MIPPA/ADRC funding and amending budget
4. Discussion of Hourly Attorney Wage Rate in DSS
5. Other

Committee Vote Record:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Haehl for Ways & Means, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

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

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Campione for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

The Human Resources Committee recessed at 11:02 a.m. moving on to the Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means meeting and reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for the Human Resources Committee, and on motion of Mr. Haehl, seconded by Mr. Campione for the Ways & Means Committee, the committee went into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m., under Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (f). On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for the Human Resources Committee, and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta for the Ways & Means Committee, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2. On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for the Human Resources Committee, the committee came out of Executive Session at 11:42 a.m.

Item #5 – N/A.

At 11:43 a.m., on motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett, the Human Resources Committee adjourned

The Ways & Means Committee continued in Executive Session.