

**Herkimer County Legislature
Ways & Means Committee Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2026
Legislature Chambers
Follows Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Kurt J. Ackerman (Committee Chairman)
Mark Gaworecki (committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (committee member)
Don Haehl (committee member)
Peter J. Campione, Chairman of the Legislature
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to the County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Kimberlee Enea, County Treasurer
Linda Jacquays, County Property Agent
Beth Sadlon, Director of Real Property Tax Services

(Non-Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Gene A. Wedemeyer, Jr.
Legislator John Brewer
Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Michael Bick
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Anthony J. Lucenti
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

Ray Donley (committee member)
William Weakley (committee member)

Items discussed:

WAYS AND MEANS:

1. Set a registration fee for short term rentals
2. Authorizing renewal of contract for Forensic Toxicology Services with NMS Labs
3. Approve changes concerning unpaid taxes and re-levies in Treasurer's Office
4. Adopt purchasing policy for 2026
5. Authorizing appropriation of funds for College Corps. Program
6. Approving county employee's family memberships at the youth & family center
7. Discussion of Tax Certiorari Proceeding – Tractor Supply Company
8. Request by the Humane Society for the allocation of past unallocated funds
9. Other

Committee Vote Record:

WAYS & MEANS:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

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

Mr. Ackerman was marked absent.

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

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 3.

Mr. Ackerman was marked present.

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Malta, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

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) and (d).

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #7 was voted on and approved. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione for the Ways & Means Committee, the committee came out of Executive Session at 12:13 p.m.

Item #9 – N/A.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the Ways & Means committee adjourned at 12:13 p.m.