

**Herkimer County Legislature
County Planning & Development and Ways & Means
Friday, January 9, 2026
Legislature Chambers
Follows County Properties and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Gregory Malta, Sr. (Chairman of Co. Planning; Ways & Means committee member)

Robert J. Schrader (Co. Planning committee member)

Mark Gawarecki (Co. Planning and Ways & Means committee member)

Michael Bick (Co. Planning committee member)

Kurt J. Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means)

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

Rachael Case, Executive Director, Youth Bureau

(Non-Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Gene A. Wedemeyer, Jr.

Legislator John Brewer

Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett

Legislator John L. Brezinski

Legislator Rodney Swartz

Legislator Anthony J. Lucenti

Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

Ray Donley (Co. Planning and Ways & Means committee member)

William E. Keeler, Sr. (Co. Planning committee member)

William Weakley (Ways & Means committee member)

Mr. Malta for the County Planning & Development Committee called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

Items discussed:

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

1. Adopt Annual Report of the Youth Bureau
2. Other

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/WAYS & MEANS:

3. Authorizing contracts for the youth programs and youth team sports for 2026
4. Selection of one municipality to apply for the County Infrastructure Grant Program
5. Other

Committee Vote Record

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Bick for the County Planning & Development Committee, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #2 – N/A.

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/WAYS & MEANS:

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Schrader for the County Planning & Development Committee and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Haehl for the Ways & Means Committee, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 3.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for the County Planning & Development Committee, Item #4 was voted on for the Town of Herkimer and not approved. Yes: Malta, Schrader, Gaworecki (3). No: Bick, Campione (2). Absent: Donley, Keeler (2). Discussion was done and a second vote taken. On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Campione for the County Planning & Development Committee and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Campione for the Ways & Means Committee, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution for the City of Little Falls. County Planning & Development: Yes: Malta, Gaworecki, Bick, Campione (4). No: Schrader (1). Absent: Donley, Keeler (2). Ways & Means: Yes: Ackerman, Gaworecki, Malta, Haehl, Campione (5). Absent: Donley, Weakley (2).

Item #5 - N/A.

At 10:36 a.m., on motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Schrader, the County Planning & Development Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.