

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

Persons Attending:

Gregory Malta, Sr. (committee member, both)
John Brewer (Public Safety committee member)
Kelly Wares (Public Safety committee member)
Anthony J. Lucenti (Public Safety committee member)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Mark Gawarecki, (committee member, both)
Don Haehl (Ways & Means committee member)
Peter J. Campione, Chairman of the Legislature
James Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Secretary to Co. Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Scott Scherer, Sheriff
Albert Moxham, Director of Emergency Services
Michael Scalise, Probation Director
(Non Committee Members Signed In)
Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Gene A. Wedemeyer, Jr.
Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Michael Bick
Legislator Rodney Swartz

Absent:

Ray Donley (Chairman, Public Safety, Ways & Means committee member)
William Weakley (committee member, both)

Mr. Malta called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Items Discussed:

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Approve monthly report of the Sheriff – November 2025
2. Other

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:

3. Accept SICG 2024-2025 Targeted Grant, amend budget, and create project in Emergency Services
4. Accept grant for the Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program and authorize Chairman to e-sign in Probation
5. Other – Discussion on Sheriff's Road Patrol

Committee Vote Record:

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mrs. Wares for Public Safety & Emergency Management, Item #1 was voted on and approved. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #2 – N/A.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #3 - On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Malta for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #4 - On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Wares for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Haehl for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #5 – Discussion only. No vote taken.

At 11:15 a.m., on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Lucenti for the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee, the committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.