

Herkimer County Legislature
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2026
Legislature Chambers
Following County Properties and Ways & Means

Persons Attending:

Anthony J. Lucenti (Chairman, Human Resources)
William Weakley (Human Resources committee member and Ways & Means committee member)
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)
Ray Donley (Ways & Means committee member)
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
Christina Cain, Director of Public Health
Kathy Fox, Director, Office for the Aging
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services
Andrea Blowers, Public Health

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

N/A.

Mr. Lucenti called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Items discussed:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

1. Discussion on Children's Center
2. Other

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

3. Approve usage of parking lot and Office for the Aging buses for event at HCCC
4. Accept funding and approve contract with Catholic Charities for the provision of Safe Harbour program in DSS
5. Approve budget amendment due to increased expenses for the committee on Special Education rates in DSS
6. Approve contract for personal care services with Marquis Home Care Services in DSS
7. Accept funding and authorize contract with Catholic Charities for the Rental Supplement Program in DSS
8. Amend Resolution No. 95 of 2026 due to an increase in grant funds in Public Health
9. Amend Resolution No. 97 of 2026 to reflect accurate cost with Venesky & Company in Public Health
10. Approve purchase/install of a two-way radio communication system for Preschool transportation vehicles in Public Health
11. Other

Committee Vote Record:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Campione for Human Resources, Item #1 was voted on, approved and referred to the Ways & Means Committee. Yes: Lucenti, Weakley, Brewer, Wedemeyer, Campione (5). No: Schrader, Bennett (2).

Item #2 – N/A.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on and approved. Unanimous.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Ackerman was marked absent.

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Wedemeyer for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #6 – On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Ms. Bennett for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Haehl for Ways & Means, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #9 – On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #9 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #10 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Wedemeyer for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Donley for Ways & Means, Item #10 was voted on and approved. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #11 – N/A.

At 10:35 a.m., on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Ms. Bennett, the Human Resources Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.