

MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
Second Quarter – Fourth Day
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Peter J. Campione at 7:12 p.m.

Chairman Campione called on Alvin H. Montana II, Deputy County Administrator, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Campione called for a moment of silence in recognition of all veterans, past and present.

Roll Call: Quorum present, the following answering the roll:

Present: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (17).

Absent: None.

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the County Legislature, Chairman Campione asked if there were any objections or corrections to the minutes of May 20, 2026. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

Pursuant to Rule 11, Chairman Campione opened the floor for public comment. 1) John Piseck, Herkimer – IDA, 2) Jim Bono, Schuyler – Children’s Center, 3) Charlie Crandall, Herkimer – IDA, DSS, and wages.

Chairman Campione stated that the communications received by the Legislature and the Committees to which they were referred were as listed on the agenda, and asked if any member of the Legislature requested mention of any particular communication. Mr. Malta requested Communication No. 208 and No. 209 be read.

No. 206 – A communication was received from the New York State Department of State advising of Filing of Local Law No. 2 for 2026. Filed.

No. 207 – A communication was received from Capital District OTB submitting monthly reports for November 2025 & January 2026. Filed.

No. 208 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.

No. 209 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.

No. 210 – A communication was received from Herkimer County Soil & Water Conservation District advising of monthly meeting. Filed.

No. 211 – A communication was received from Capital District OTB submitting audited financial statements for 2024 & 2025. Filed.

No. 212 – A communication was received from Capital District OTB submitting monthly report for October 2025. Filed.

No. 213 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting approval of purchase of switches and equipment in connection with project at HCCC. Referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 214 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting contract for provision of Preschool Special Education Services. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 215 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting discussion on PILOT agreement. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 216 – A communication was received from the County Treasurer requesting agreements in connection with In Rem process. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 217 – A communication was received from the Director of Employment & Training requesting contract with BOCES for Summer Youth Employment Program. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 218 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment for TANF Summer Youth funds. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 219 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services submitting 2025 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

No. 220 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting amendment to Salary Schedule III in the Treasurer's Office. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 221 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting contracts in connection with System of Care Grant. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 222 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting appropriation of funds and creation of project in connection with parking lot repairs at Sewer District. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 223 – A communication was received from the Sheriff submitting 2025 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management.

No. 224 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting transfer of funds to replace carpet in Highway administration building. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 225 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting transfer of funds in the Treasurer's Department. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 226 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in connection with funding from the Office of Indigent Legal Services. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 227 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting acceptance of reimbursement funding through Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 228 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting appropriation of funds for HCCC. Referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 229 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting appropriation of funds for fire alarm panel replacement. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 230 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting appropriation of funds for HVAC architectural and engineering services. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 231 – A communication was received from the County Treasurer requesting to enter into an agreement to assist with In Rem foreclosure process. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 232 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting establishment of Safe Dwelling rates. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 233 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting contract for medical billing. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 234 – A communication was received from the Commissioners of Elections requesting to extend contract for moving services for election equipment and materials. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 235 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting amendment to Salary Schedule III in the Sewer Department. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 236 – A communication was received from the Director of the Office for the Aging requesting contracts for farmers market coupons. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 237 – A communication was received from the County Treasurer requesting modification of agreement with consulting firm. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 238 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting to hire outside counsel. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 239 – A communication was received from James W. Wallace, Jr., submitting resignation as County Administrator. Filed.

No. 240 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Summons and Complaint. Filed.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Campione then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees. There were no reports.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Resolution No. 155 – Resolution No. 157 were handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.

Consent Agenda:

- 155 HUMAN RES.: Approving Annual Report of Social Services Department
- 156 PUB. SFTY./EMER. MGMT.: Approving Annual Report of the Sheriff
- 157 WAYS & MEANS: Approving standard work day and retirement reporting for elected and appointed officials



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 155

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources

WHEREAS, your Committee on Human Resources, to which was referred the Annual Report for 2025 of the Department of Social Services, respectfully reports that we have examined the same, recommend the adoption of said report, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Department of Social Services be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2025.

Dated: June 17, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 156

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHERIFF

Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Management

WHEREAS, your Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management, to which was referred the communication from the Herkimer County Sheriff submitting the 2025 Annual Report of the Sheriff's Office, respectfully reports that we have examined said report, recommend that it be adopted and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Sheriff's Office is hereby adopted and that a copy thereof be placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2025.

Dated: June 17, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 157

RESOLUTION APPROVING STANDARD WORK DAY AND RETIREMENT REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials to report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

Title:	Standard Work Day: (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name: (First and Last)	Social Security Number: (Last 4 digits)	NYSLRS ID:	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates: (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted: (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Elected Officials								
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and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Personnel Officer, and Payroll Clerk in the Treasurer's Office.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

The Chairman continued with the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Lucenti, Report and Resolution No. 158 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means establishing Safe Dwelling rates and authorizing contract in Department of Social Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 158

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SAFE DWELLING RATES AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 27, 2026 from Timothy J. Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, this Legislature is advised that the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has issued the 2025 Rest of State Domestic Violence State Aid Safe Dwelling rates, they have also issued rates for calendar year 2026, however several districts remain under review, including Herkimer County's only licensed provider, and rates are not certified at this time; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests the 2025 Safe Dwelling payment rate be established at \$115.12 per day, and that the 2026 Safe Dwelling payment rate be temporarily established at \$115.12 daily until such time as the state completes their final review and issues updated rates for Herkimer County; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests that all future rate changes be accepted by the legislature and the department be authorized to issue payment reflecting the rate calculated by NYS OCFS and issued via an Administrative Directive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this authorizes an agreement between Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, 61 West Street, Ilion, New York, and the Herkimer County Department of Social Services, for the provision of these services, at the rates listed above; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer, with said contract subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all future rate changes be accepted by the legislature and the department be authorized to issue payment reflecting the rate calculated by NYS OCFS and issued via an Administrative Directive; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioner of Social Services, and Catholic Charities of Herkimer County.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 159 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract in the Board of Elections was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 159

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 12, 2026, from Teresa Robotham and Robert J. Hoyt, Election Commissioners, this Legislature is advised of a request to authorize a contract with EJA Moving and Storage, 5941 Airport Rd, Oriskany, NY 13424, for transporting election equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, this contract will run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at a rate of \$195 per hour, including one truck and two moving crew members, not exceeding \$34,000 for four election cycles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to sign a contract with EJA Moving and Storage for transporting election equipment and materials, at a rate of \$195 per hour, not exceeding \$34,000 for four election cycles, with said contract subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioners of Elections, and EJA Moving and Storage.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Wedemeyer, seconded by Mr. Keeler, Report and Resolution No. 160 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means approving utilization of Unmet Needs funding in Officer for the Aging was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 160

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING UTILIZATION OF UNMET NEEDS FUNDING IN OFFICE FOR THE AGING

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2026 from Kathy L. Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, she has requested to utilize Unmet Needs funding to provide additional Farmers Market Coupons to individuals 60 years or older and are within the income guidelines set by the USDA; and

WHEREAS, the letter further requests to enter into contracts with West End Farm and Juliano Farms for the period of June 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, in an amount of up to \$10,000 for each vendor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves contracts with West End Farm and Juliano Farms for the period of June 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, in an amount of up to \$10,000 for each vendor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Office for the Aging, West End Farm, and Juliano Farms.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 161 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contracts in connection with System of Care Grant and amending Resolution No. 402 of 2025 in Public Health was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 161

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION WITH SYSTEM OF CARE GRANT AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 402 OF 2025 IN PUBLIC HEALTH

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Public Health received a System of Care Grant which runs from September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2027 and it is necessary to enter into agreements in order to fulfill the requirements and goals of the grant; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 18, 2026 from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, she has requested to enter into the following contracts during the third year of the grant for the time frame of March 1, 2026 - September 29, 2026:

1. **Hilltop Care Consulting, LLC** – Lisa Volo, 127 Columbia Center Rd., Ilion, NY 13357
 - Up to \$11,000
2. **Upstate Caring Partners dba The Root Farm** – Geno DeCondo, 125 Business Park Dr., Utica, NY 13502
 - Up to \$2,000
3. **Doctor Professor AF** – Aaron Fried, 3200 Echard Rd., Sauquoit, NY 13456
 - Up to \$20,000
4. **ICAN** – Steve Bulger, 310 Main St., Utica, NY 13501
 - Up to \$17,600
5. **CNYHHN** – Danielle Martin, 268 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502
 - Up to \$4,000

and,

WHEREAS, said letter further requests an amendment to Resolution No. 402 of 2025 to amend the contract with Connect-Ed NY, Inc., to change the name to CNYHHN, with Danielle Martin remaining the contact for said contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above contracts are approved contingent upon County Attorney approval, and that the Chairman is authorized to execute said contracts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that contract No. 402 of 2025 is hereby amended to change the name of the contract with Connect-Ed NY, Inc. to CNYHHN; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Public Health, Commissioner of Social Services, Integrated County Planner, and the above listed agencies.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 162 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract for billing service for Herkimer County Public Health was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 162

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR BILLING SERVICE FOR HERKIMER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 18, 2026 from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, this Legislature is advised of a request to enter into a contract with Practice First (Medical Management Solutions), 2372 Sweet Home Rd., Suite 3, Amherst, NY 14228; and

WHEREAS, the contract term would be June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028, Practice First will bill a flat fee of \$9.75 per encounter, and be responsible for all databases, clearinghouse, and patient statement costs, with a monthly minimum fee of \$1,150 per month, not to exceed \$13,800 annually; and

WHEREAS, in the event any month within the contract exceeds the minimum monthly amount, future billings may be adjusted below the monthly minimum as to not exceed the yearly maximum amount of \$13,800; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature be and he hereby is, authorized to execute a contract with Practice First (Medical Management Solutions), 2372 Sweet Home Rd., Suite 3, Amherst, NY 14228, for medical billing services to insurance companies for Herkimer County Public Health Services at a flat fee of \$9.75 per encounter, and be responsible for all databases, clearinghouse, and patient statement costs, with a monthly minimum fee of \$1,150 per month, not to exceed \$13,800 annually; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Information Services, Director of Public Health, and Practice First.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 163 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means extending contract in the Treasurer's Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 163

REPORT AND RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2026, the Ways & Means Committee approved a contract with a consulting firm, The Answer Consulting and Bookkeeping LLC, 6 Beech St., Cooperstown, NY 13326 at an hourly rate of \$100, up to a total of \$12,000 after the completion and acceptance of the Annual Financial Report by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 20, 2026 from Kimberlee A. Enea, County Treasurer, she has requested an additional 150 hours at \$100.00 per hour; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves the above described extension of the agreement with The Answer Consulting and Bookkeeping LLC, for an additional 150 hours at \$100.00 per hour, with said contract to be subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and The Answer Consulting and Bookkeeping LLC.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 164 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending Salary Schedule No. III in the Treasurer's Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 164

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE NO. III IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 18, 2026 from Kimberlee Enea, County Treasurer, she has requested an amendment to Salary Schedule No. III; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 18, 2026, Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, your Committee has been advised that Salary Schedule No. III should be amended to delete one position of Senior Account Clerk in Account A1330 and create one position of Deputy County Property Agent in Account A1330 at an annual base salary of \$43,500; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Salary Schedule No. III be amended to delete one position of Senior Account Clerk in Account A1330 and create one position of Deputy County Property Agent in Account A1330 at an annual base salary of \$43,500; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this will be effective June 22, 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Personnel Officer.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 165 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing transfer of funds in the Treasurer's Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 165

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a communication from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, dated May 28, 2026, submitting a request to transfer funds to accommodate additional expenses, reports that we have examined said communication, inquired into the subject matter thereof, recommend that said transfers be made, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer the following sum from and to the following accounts in the 2026 Budget:

\$27,000 From: A0000001 541990, Contingent Fund
 To: A1325000 544000, Treasurer, Contracted Services
\$5,000 From: A0000001 541990, Contingent Fund
 To: A1325000 510002, Treasurer, Overtime
\$10,000 From: A0000001 541990, Contingent Fund
 To: A1325000 510100, Treasurer, Temporary Employees

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, and Budget Officer.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Wedemeyer, Report and Resolution No. 166 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means amending Salary Schedule No. III in the Sewer Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 166

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING SALARY SCHEDULE NO. III IN THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2026 this Legislature is advised that by action on May 20, 2026, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a Resolution creating a position; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2026, Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, your Committees have been advised that Salary Schedule No. III should be amended to delete one position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Shift Operator in Account G8130 and create one position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Shift Operator Trainee in Account G8130 at a base pay rate of \$60,707; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Salary Schedule No. III be amended to delete one position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Shift Operator in Account G8130 and create one position of

Wastewater Treatment Plant Shift Operator Trainee in Account G8130 at a base pay rate of \$60,707; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this will be effective June 22, 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, and Chief Plant Operator at the Sewer District.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 167 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means approving Sewer District Resolution awarding bid for parking lot repair and authorizing appropriation of funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 167

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR PARKING LOT REPAIR AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

**Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2026 this Legislature is advised that by action on May 20, 2026, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a resolution to award a bid to Central Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$20,648 to repair a portion of the parking lot, and a resolution to appropriate funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of your Committees that the bid be awarded to Central Paving, Inc. of Frankfort, New York, in the amount of \$20,648; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 29, 2026 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that an appropriation of funds is necessary for the repairs to the parking lot of the plant and that there is sufficient funding available for said appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid to repair the parking lot at the Mohawk plant be awarded to Central Paving, Inc. of Frankfort, New York, in the amount of \$20,648; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that an appropriation be made as follows:

\$20,648 From: G0000000 300909, Sewer, Fund Balance, Project 79 3
To: H8130000 544000, Sewer Capital Project 79 3

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Chief Plant Operator at the Sewer District, and Central Paving, Inc.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Haehl, seconded by Mr. Wedemeyer, Report and Resolution No. 168 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means approving contract for architectural and engineering services and appropriating funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 168

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 29, 2026 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, she has advised that proposals have been received for a submittal package with stamped drawings needed to obtain a building permit for the fire panel replacement at the County Office and Court Facility, with the lowest proposal received from Johnson Controls, 6731 Collamer Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057, in the amount of \$18,972.28; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests an appropriation of funds to execute the contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a proposal be awarded to Johnson Controls in the amount of \$18,972.28 for a submittal package with stamped drawings needed to obtain a building permit for the fire panel replacement at the County Office and Court Facility; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Herkimer County approves an appropriation of funds as follows:

\$18,972.28 From: A0000001 288905, Building Reserve
 To: H1620000 544000, Building Capital, Contracted, Project 16 1

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Maintenance Supervisor, and Johnson Controls.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 169 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means transferring funds for carpet at Highway Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 169

REPORT AND RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR CARPET AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2026, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that proposals have been received to replace carpet in the highway administration building, with the lowest price coming from Johnson's Carpet Plus, 216 N. Main Street, Herkimer, NY in the amount of \$6,280.63; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests a transfer of funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer the following sum from and to the following accounts:

\$6,280.63 From: D5020000 510000, Highway Engineering, Salaries
 To: D5020000 544000, Highway Engineering, Contracted Services

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and County Highway Superintendent.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Haehl, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 170 sponsored by the Committee on Highways accepting funding reimbursement through Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 170

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH FINGER LAKES-LAKE ONTARIO WATERSHED PROTECTION ALLIANCE (FOLLOWPA)

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 6, 2026 from Mark Nagele, County Highway Superintendent, your committee has been advised that the Highway Department requested partial funding reimbursement for engineering and design services for the replacement of a large culvert (LC118-20) located on South Shore Road CR118 in the Town of Webb; and

WHEREAS, the partial funding reimbursement request was approved at \$38,000 by the Herkimer County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (HCWQCC) for engineering and design services up to the requested amount; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the partial funding reimbursement of \$38,000 be accepted by the Herkimer County Legislature from the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) to reimburse the partial costs of engineering & design services on the above-mentioned structure and that the Chairman be authorized to sign any agreement in this regard; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Highway Superintendent.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 171 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting assigned counsel funding and amending budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15).

Against: Gaworecki, Brewer (2).

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 171

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ASSIGNED COUNSEL FUNDING AND AMENDING BUDGET

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, the Office of Indigent Legal Services has advised on an additional award for the “Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation” for a period from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028 in the total amount of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2026 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, she has advised that it is necessary to amend the 2026 Budget to accept the award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2026 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

A1171000 430250, ILS, State Aid	From: \$0
	To: \$750,000
A1171000 545603, ILS, Family Court	From: \$0
	To: \$750,000

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the above described grant contract; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and County Attorney.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Bick, Report and Resolution No. 172 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing an agreement with Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES for services for a 2026 TANF Summer Youth Employment Academic/Work Experience Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 172

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HERKIMER-FULTON-HAMILTON-OTSEGO BOCES FOR SERVICES FOR A 2026 TANF SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACADEMIC/WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning and Development
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 2, 2026 from Nicole Myers, Director of Employment & Training, your Committees have been advised that Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES has proposed to provide a Summer Youth Employment and Academic Enrichment Educational/Vocational Work Experience Program to thirty-four (34) 14 and 15 year old eligible participants enrolled in the 2026 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funded Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP); and

WHEREAS, said letter further asks to enter into an agreement with Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES for the above purpose for the period of July 6, 2026 through July 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$16,403.11, with said TANF SYEP funds to be provided from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) through the Department of Social Services to ETA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature and Director of Employment and Training are hereby authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the County of Herkimer, with the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES to provide services for a Summer Youth Employment and Academic Enrichment Educational/Vocational Work Experience Program to thirty-four (34) 14 and 15 year old eligible participants enrolled in the 2026 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funded Summer Youth Employment Program, at a cost of \$16,403.11, with said agreement to be for the period of July 6, 2026 through July 30, 2026, and with the terms and conditions of said agreement to be subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Employment and Training, Commissioner of Social Services, and Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 173 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending budget in connection with receipt of TANF Summer Youth Funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 173

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIPT OF TANF SUMMER YOUTH FUNDS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 2, 2026 from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the 2026 Budget to reflect TANF Summer Youth Program funds received from New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2026 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

CD629100 447900, ET-06-26

FROM

\$0

TO

\$203,812

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.510000 Salaries	\$0	\$20,000.00
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.510102 Temp. Emp.	\$0	\$124,000.00
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.541000 Supplies	\$0	\$4,818.09
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.544000 Contracted Services	\$0	\$22,575.27
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.545000 Fees For Services	\$0	\$100.00
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.546100 Mileage	\$0	\$300.00
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.546300 Postage & Freight	\$0	\$300.00
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.581000 Retirement	\$0	\$10,000.00
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.583000 Social Security	\$0	\$9,525.18
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.583500 Medicare	\$0	\$2,227.66
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.584000 Workman's Comp.	\$0	\$3,840.80
CD 629100 ET-06-26, ETA-TANF.586000 Health Insurance	\$0	\$6,000.00
CD 629100 ET-06-25, ETA-TANF.586500 Dental Insurance	\$0	\$125.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Director of Employment & Training.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 174 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing agreement to assist with In Rem foreclosure process was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 174

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT TO ASSIST WITH IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCESS

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 1, 2026, Kimberlee A. Enea, County Treasurer, has requested to enter into an agreement between Herkimer County (“County”) and the law firm, Phillips Lytle LLP, Rochester, NY (“Counsel”), to assist with the In Rem Foreclosure process; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises Counsel will commence a proceeding for the collection of delinquent real property taxes for 2023 and 2024 tax years pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Article 11 and will be reimbursed by the County the sum of \$350.00 for each parcel referred to Counsel for foreclosure, and Counsel shall make application to the Court for an order, pursuant to RPTL section 1102(e), authorizing the County to charge each remaining parcel an amount equal to the cost of the title search and the legal fee of \$350.00; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the invoiced total fee referenced above, the following charges shall be incurred by Counsel, reimbursed by the County and recoverable as part of the delinquent tax for purposes of redemption as follows:

1. cost of mailing or service of notices required or authorized by RPTL 1102(1)(a),
2. cost of publication of notices required or authorized by RPTL 1102(1)(b),
3. cost of recording or filing legal documents required or authorized by RPTL 1102(1)(d),
4. the cost of posting of notices as required or authorized by RPTL 1125(1)(c),

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an agreement be entered into with Phillips Lytle LLP, to include the terms as stated above, to assist with the In Rem Foreclosure process at a flat rate of \$350.00 for attorneys fees plus additional costs per parcel; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, County Property Agent, and Phillips Lytle LLP.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 175 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing agreements to assist with In Rem foreclosure process was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 175

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS TO ASSIST WITH IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCESS

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 1, 2026, Kimberlee A. Enea, County Treasurer, has requested to enter into an agreement with Advantage Abstract Company, Inc., 258 Genesee Street, Suite 309, Utica, NY 13502 and Chain and Link Title Agency, 2522 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502, to assist with the In Rem Foreclosure process and completing the abstracting process; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises that both companies quoted \$200 per parcel with an additional \$5 for bankruptcy searches per name; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an agreement be entered into with Advantage Abstract Company, Inc. and Chain and Link Title Agency, to assist with the In Rem Foreclosure process and completing the abstracting process at a rate of \$200 per parcel, with an additional \$5 per bankruptcy searches per name; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, County Property Agent, Advantage Abstract Company, Inc., and Chain and Link Title Agency.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Keeler, Report and Resolution No. 176 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing retainer of counsel was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 176

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETAINER OF COUNSEL

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Herkimer County was served with a Subpoena for production of records and deposition testimony in the federal civil lawsuit entitled Gensho Matayoshi, et al, v. Suffolk County, New York, et al; and

WHEREAS, the Subpoena seeks the production of voluminous records, information and testimony related to the In Rem process and County retention of surplus funds; and

WHEREAS, by letter of Lorraine H. Lewandrowski, County Attorney, dated June 4, 2026, a request has been made to retain counsel to assist the County in responding to the Subpoena by June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the retainer agreement dated June 4, 2026 has described the services that the law firm of Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC can provide in connection with said Subpoena served upon the County, including but not limited to litigation services, depositions, motion practice, discovery, and other related litigation tasks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the above described retainer agreement regarding legal assistance by Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC for the matter of Gensho Matayoshi, et al, v. Suffolk County, New York, et al; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, County Attorney, County Property Agent, and Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Brewer, Report and Resolution No. 177 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means advancing with the development and construction of a Children's Center was handed up and a roll call vote commenced. Following discussion during the vote, a Point of Order was issued, and the Chairman requested to start the vote over. Resolution No. 177 was then voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Keeler, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Weakley (12).

Against: Schrader, Bennett, Brezinski, Haehl, Wares (5).

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 177

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADVANCING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S CENTER

**Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, this Legislature has identified and researched several properties within the County for the development of a children's center to service the needs of families within the County; and

WHEREAS, the priority of this Legislature in determining the placement of the facility is to ensure that the parcel chosen will not be a property currently on the tax role of any municipality in the County; and

WHEREAS, your committees have agreed on the County owned location of 711 Middleville Road, Herkimer, NY; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature is authorizing moving forward with the development and construction of a children's center at the County owned location of 711 Middleville Road in accordance with all appropriate site review; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Public Health, and Commissioner of Social Services.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 178 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means approving contract for architectural and engineering services and appropriating funds was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Brewer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 178

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 4, 2026 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that a proposal has been received for HVAC architectural and engineering services related to the remodel project at 109 Mary Street; and

WHEREAS, said letter requests that a contract be entered into with Lu Engineers, 4 Oxford Crossing, Suite 104, New Hartford, NY 13413 in the amount of \$84,200.00 and further requests an appropriation of funds to execute the contract; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to enter into a contract with Lu Engineers, 4 Oxford Crossing, Suite 104, New Hartford, NY 13413, in the amount of \$84,200.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Herkimer County approves an appropriation of funds as follows:

\$84,200.00 From: A0000000 390900, Fund Balance
 To: H1620000 544000, Buildings, Contracted Project 16 7

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Lu Engineers.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 179 sponsored by the Committee on Education and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing appropriation of funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Wedemeyer, Bennett, Keeler, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Weakley (15).

Against: Brewer, Wares (2). Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 179

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

**Sponsored by: Committee on Education
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a communication from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, dated May 28, 2026, submitting a request for appropriation of funds to increase the sponsor contribution made to Herkimer College annually by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that funds have been verified and are available for this appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an appropriation be made in the 2026 Budget as follows:

\$1,000,000 From: A0000000 300909, Fund Balance
 To: A2490000 542495, Community College

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, President of Herkimer County Community College, and Chief of Staff and Director of Operations at Herkimer County Community College.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Donley, Resolution No. 180 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means setting a public hearing for the purpose of considering proposed upgrades to the Herkimer County Sewer District's Wastewater Treatment Plant was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 180

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING PROPOSED UPGRADES TO THE HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

**Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by proceedings heretofore duly had and taken pursuant to Article 5-A of the County Law, the Herkimer County Legislature established a county sewer district designated and known as Herkimer County Sewer District (HCSD), in said County; and

WHEREAS, HCSD operates pursuant to the terms and conditions of a State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit issued and regulated by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC); and

WHEREAS, the HCSD's SPDES Permit contains limits on the discharge of various pollutants and requirements for the measurement of said pollutants and the reporting of said measurements; and

WHEREAS, the HCSD commissioned Hazen and Sawyer, DPC (Hazen) to perform a comprehensive assessment of the HCSD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and the Frankfort Pump Station for an increase and improvement of the facilities of the HCSD pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law; and

WHEREAS, Hazen, in conjunction with Environmental Design & Research (EDR), was retained to complete a preliminary engineering report to identify improvements to extend the life of the WWTP and meet future anticipated SPDES permit discharge limits; and

WHEREAS, a condition assessment was completed including a site visit and visual observation of each unit process and assessment with applicable codes and standards which indicated the need for substantial improvements and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of such objects or purposes, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, will be performed; and

WHEREAS, it would appear that the construction of said sewer facility improvements would be in the best interests of the people of the County of Herkimer residing within the boundaries of Herkimer County Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing pursuant to Section 268 of the County Law to consider the aforesaid increase and improvement of the facilities of said District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposal by the Herkimer County Sewer District to increase and improve the facilities of the Herkimer County Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Plant referred to in the preambles hereof at a total not to exceed project cost of \$79,361,000 is hereby introduced before the Herkimer County Legislature, and the Herkimer County Legislature shall hold a Public Hearing on the 8th day of July, 2026 at 1:15 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers in the Herkimer County Office Building, 109 Mary Street, Herkimer, New York, on the matter of upgrades to the Herkimer County Sewer District's Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Clerk of the County Legislature be and she hereby is directed to give notice of such Public Hearing in the manner prescribed by law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, County Attorney, Herkimer County Sewer District, Christopher Bray, Esq., and Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC.

Dated: June 17, 2026.

Chairman Campione stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by Legislators. The following Legislators made a comment: Legislator Bennett, Legislator Haehl, Legislator Wares, and Legislator Lucenti.

At 7:40 p.m. on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Weakley, the Legislature adjourned to July 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., with a Public Hearing on the Sewer District Plant upgrade at 1:15 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk