

**Herkimer County Legislature
Administration/Veterans' Affairs and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2026
Legislature Chambers
Following Education and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Robert J. Schrader (Chairman, Administration/Veterans' Affairs)
Kurt Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means, Admin./Veterans' Affairs committee member)
Cynthia A. Bennett (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
William Weakley (Administration/Veterans' Affairs and Ways & Means committee member)
Ray Donley (Ways & Means committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (Ways & Means committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Ways & Means committee member)
Peter J. Campione, Chairman of the Legislature
Alvin H. Montana II, County Administrator
Brittney Viscomi, Clerk of the Legislature
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer

(Non Committee Members signed in)

Legislator Gene A. Wedemeyer, Jr.
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Rodney Swartz
Legislator Anthony J. Lucenti
Legislator Kelly Wares

Absent:

Michael Bick (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
John Brewer (Administration/Veterans' Affairs committee member)
Don Haehl (Ways & Means committee member)

Mr. Schrader for the Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Items Discussed:

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

1. Set public hearing to ban the sale of Kratom in Herkimer County
2. Other

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS/WAYS & MEANS:

3. Set the public hearing for Introductory Local Law B of 2026 – Occupancy Tax
4. Other

Committee Vote Record

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Item #1 – Discussion only. No vote taken.

Item #2 – N/A.

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 3.

Item #4 – N/A.

At 9:40 a.m., on motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Weakley for the Administration/Veterans' Affairs Committee, the committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committees continued.