

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

7:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. – Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law C

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of Silence in Recognition of All Veterans, Past and Present

ROLL CALL

Communications:

365	IDA – Submitting Notice of Public Hearing & Notice of Project Inducement	FILE
366	HC Soil & Water Conservation District – Advising of monthly meeting	FILE
367	Sewer District – Submitting resolution to sell surplus equipment	FILE
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370	Sewer District – Submitting resolution for Public Hearing	FILE
371	Sheriff – Submitting August 2026 monthly report	FILE
372	County Attorney – Requesting discussion on local law concerning Kratom	ADMIN./VETS.
373	Chair, Herkimer Co. Republican Committee – Submitting recommendation for reappointment of Election Commissioner	ADMIN./VETS.
374	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting amendment to budget in connection with Raise the Age grant funding in Probation	PUB. SFTY./ EMER. MGMT. WAYS & MEANS
375	Director of Public Health – Requesting contracts in connection with Year 4 System of Care Grant	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
376	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting creation of project and budget amendment for grant funding in STOP-DWI	PUB. SFTY./ EMER. MGMT. WAYS & MEANS
377	Personnel Officer – Requesting contract for dental insurance for County employees	WAYS & MEANS
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| 379 | Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting transfer of funds in Public Health | WAYS & MEANS |
| 380 | Teamsters Local 294 – Advising that Teamsters Local 294 ratified tentative agreement | WAYS & MEANS |
| 381 | Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting transfer of funds in Sheriff Dept. for purchase of vehicle | PUB. SFTY./
EMER. MGMT.
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| 382 | Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting amendment to appropriation to reflect exact expense | CO. PLNG. & DEV.,
WAYS & MEANS |
| 383 | County Treasurer – Submitting report of cancelled taxes | WAYS & MEANS |
| 384 | County Treasurer – Submitting report of cancelled taxes for the Land Bank | WAYS & MEANS |
| 385 | Sewer District – Requesting amendment to Policy on Payment of Quarterly Sewer Bills | NAT. RESOURCES
WAYS & MEANS |
| 386 | Michael J. Farmer, Town of Webb Tourism/Publicity Director – Requesting designation for the Town of Webb as Tourist Promotion Agency and requesting 2027 New York State matching funds | CO. PLNG. & DEV.
WAYS & MEANS |
| 387 | Commissioner of Social Services – Requesting to accept funding for SAEF Program | HUMAN RES.
WAYS & MEANS |
| 388 | Commissioner of Social Services – Requesting to accept Code Blue funding | HUMAN RES.
WAYS & MEANS |
| 389 | County Attorney – Requesting Temporary Incidents of Ownership | CO. PROPERTIES |
| 390 | County Attorney – Requesting renewal of agreement for Westlaw services and renewal of cooperative agreement with DSS | HUMAN RES.
WAYS & MEANS |

Regular Agenda:

Reports and Resolutions:

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| 285 | ADMIN./VETS.: Setting date for Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law D for 2026 | VOICE |
| 286 | NAT. RESOURCES, WAYS & MEANS: Fixing time and place for the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll of the Part County Sewer District | VOICE |
| 287 | WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Introductory Local Law C for 2026 | ROLL CALL |
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290	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Accepting funds and authorizing contract in DSS	VOICE
291	PUB. SFTY./EMER. MGMT., WAYS & MEANS: Approving purchase of vehicle for Sheriff's Department and transferring funds	VOICE
292	WAYS & MEANS: Ratifying agreement between the County of Herkimer and Teamsters Local 294	ROLL CALL
293	WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing transfer of funds	VOICE
294	WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing appropriation of funds	ROLL CALL
295	WAYS & MEANS: As regards dental insurance for County employees	VOICE
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297	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing contracts in connection with System of Care Grant in Public Health	VOICE
298	PUB. SFTY./EMER. MGMT., WAYS & MEANS: Accepting grant funding, creating project, authorizing e-signature, and amending budget	VOICE
299	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing Westlaw subscription with Artificial Intelligence component for Herkimer County Attorney's Office and authorizing Cooperative Agreement to share legal research services	VOICE
300	NAT. RESOURCES, WAYS & MEANS: Approving Sewer District Resolution concerning late charge increase	ROLL CALL
301	CO. PLNG. & DEV., WAYS & MEANS: Amending Resolution No. 57 of 2026 and returning funds in connection with the Industrial Development Agency	ROLL CALL
302	WAYS & MEANS: Relating to cancellation of taxes on certain properties acquired by the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation	VOICE
303	WAYS & MEANS: Relating to cancelled taxes and rejected taxes	VOICE
304	CO. PLNG. & DEV.: Designating the Town of Webb as Tourist Promotion Agency	VOICE

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305 CO. PLNG. & DEV., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing application for matching funds under the New York State Tourist Promotion Act VOICE

306 CO. PROPERTIES: Temporary Incidents of Ownership ROLL CALL

Adjourn to Wednesday, November 18, 2026

at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law D at 6:15 p.m.

Public Hearing – Sewer District Assessment Roll at 6:17 p.m.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 285

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW D FOR 2026

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

We, the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs are causing to be prepared and will present Introductory Local Law D for 2026 entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF KRATOM AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING KRATOM IN THE COUNTY OF HERKIMER", and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held before the Herkimer County Legislature on the adoption of said proposed Local Law, to be conducted by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs on the 18th day of November, 2026 at 6:15 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building in the Village of Herkimer, New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that at least five days prior to such public hearing the Clerk of this Legislature shall post a notice of such hearing upon the bulletin board in the Courthouse and cause to be published said notice at least once in the Times Telegram; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature shall place a copy of said act on the desks of the members of this County Legislature at least seven calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to its final adoption; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if said Local Law be finally adopted, the Clerk of this Legislature shall file one certified copy thereof in the Office of the County Clerk, one in the Office of the Secretary of State and publish said Local Law as required by law.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 286

REPORT AND RESOLUTION FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE PART COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Sewer District has prepared an assessment roll pursuant to the provisions of Section 271 of the County Law; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has been advised that the assessment roll has been submitted to the Herkimer County Budget Officer together with the estimate of revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Budget Officer has transmitted the assessment roll together with the tentative budget to the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature shall cause a notice to be published stating the time, place and purpose of a public hearing on the said assessment roll; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature shall hold such public hearing at the Legislative Chambers of the Herkimer County Office Building in the Village of Herkimer, County of Herkimer, New York, on the 18th day of November, 2026 at 6:17 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 271 of the County Law.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 287

RESOLUTION ADOPTING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW C FOR 2026

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means of the Herkimer County Legislature desires to report that on the 28th day of October, 2026 pursuant to Resolution No. 270, they held a public hearing on the adoption of Introductory Local Law C for 2026 entitled, "A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARIES OF SOME ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND COUNTY OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR A FIXED TERM DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE" and that there were (no) appearances and (no) objections at the said public hearing; that your Committee advises the adoption and enactment of the said Introductory Local Law and offers the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that Introductory Local Law C for 2026 be adopted in form attached hereto.

Dated: October 28, 2026.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW C - 2026

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 - 2027

A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARIES OF SOME ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND COUNTY OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR A FIXED TERM DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE

BE IT ENACTED by the Herkimer County Legislature of the County of Herkimer as follows:

Section 1. The base annual salary of the County Administrator shall be the sum of One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$123,600).

Section 2. The base annual salary of the County Clerk shall be the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$83,765).

Section 3. The base annual salary of the County Highway Superintendent shall be the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$130,829).

Section 4. The base annual salary of the Personnel Officer shall be the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$103,415).

Section 5. The base annual salary of the Director of Public Health shall be the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$95,933).

Section 6. The base annual salary of the Director of Real Property Tax Services shall be the sum of Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$71,517).

Section 7. The base annual salary of the Commissioner of Social Services shall be the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$119,617).

Section 8. The base annual salary of the Sheriff shall be the sum of Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$93,392).

Section 9. The salary of the County Coroners shall be One Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$156) per call.

Section 10. This Local Law shall take effect forty-five days after its adoption and shall be subject to a permissive referendum.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 288

REPORT AND RESOLUTION MAKING REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, Sylvia M. Rowan, Chairwoman of the Herkimer County Republican Committee, has filed a certificate of the Herkimer County Republican Committee, in conformity with the provisions and requirements of Section 3-204 of the Election Law of the State of New York, recommending Teresa Robotham, a resident and qualified voter of the County of Herkimer to be a fit and proper person to be reappointed as Commissioner of Elections for the term commencing January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Teresa Robotham, Dolgeville, New York, 13329, be, and she hereby is, appointed as Commissioner of Elections of the County of Herkimer as so recommended for the term commencing January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, Teresa Robotham, and Clerk of the County of Herkimer, who shall immediately notify the NYS Board of Elections of this appointment.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 289

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING IN CONNECTION WITH WARMING CENTER SERVICES FOR HERKIMER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 29, 2026, Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, has requested to accept funding in the amount of \$138,000 for Code Blue funding for a period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, designed to assist districts with the mandates placed upon them requiring the provision of shelter to individuals or families during periods of inclement weather (less than 32°F considering the windchill factor); and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests authorization to proceed with expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement under the terms outlined in 18 NYCRR Section 304.1 and the subsequent Local Commissioner Memorandum issued for the 2026-2027 period; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described funding is accepted in the amount of \$138,000, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and authorization is given to proceed with expenditures that are eligible for reimbursement under the terms outlined in 18 NYCRR Section 304.1 and the subsequent Local Commissioner Memorandum issued for the 2026-2027 period; and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 290

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN HERKIMER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 29, 2026, Tim Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, has advised of receipt of funding appropriated in the New York State FY 2027 Budget to support the third year of the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Program in the amount of \$41,746, and can be claimed for expenses incurred between October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests to renew a contract with Catholic Charities, 61 West Street, Ilion, NY 13357, to perform the duties required for the program; now, therefore, be it

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 291

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 8, 2026, Scott F. Scherer, Sheriff, has requested approval to purchase one 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD at a cost of \$42,539 with JPJ Electronic Communications installing the police equipment in the vehicle at a price of \$9,961, for a total cost of \$52,500; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 5, 2026, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised the Durango will be purchased from Main Motor Car, 224 West Main Street, Johnstown, NY, 12095, and that a transfer of funds will be necessary to complete the purchase; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby approves the above described purchases; and, be it further

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:

\$52,500	From: A0000001 541990, Contingent Fund
	To: A3110000 523000, Sheriff, Motor Vehicle

and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 292

REPORT AND RESOLUTION RATIFYING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HERKIMER AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 294

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 15, 2026, from Patrick J. Wilson, Teamsters Local 294 Field Representative, this Legislature is advised that on October 14, 2026, its members in the County Highway Department ratified a collective bargaining agreement with the County of Herkimer for the period of 3 years, from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029, which agreement is subject to approval by the Herkimer County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature is satisfied that the ratification of this agreement is in the best interest of both the County of Herkimer and its employees represented by Teamsters Local 294; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Herkimer County Legislature hereby ratifies and approves the collective bargaining agreement entered into with Teamsters Local 294 covering a term of 3 years, from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029;
2. That the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Herkimer;
3. That Salary Schedule IV be amended to reflect the changes in wages and salaries required by this agreement;
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, Teamsters Local 294, and the County Highway Superintendent.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 293

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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 October 5, 2026, submitting a request for a transfer of funds within the 2026 Budget to properly account for grant funding, reports that we have examined said communication, inquired into the subject matter thereof, and recommend that said transfer 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:

\$11,115	From: A4021000 581000, C&YSN, Retirement
	To: A4021000 541000, C&YSN, Supplies
\$20,898	From: A4021000 586000, C&YSN, Health Insurance
	To: A4021000 541000, C&YSN, Supplies

and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 294

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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 October 5, 2026, submitting a request for appropriation of funds to reimburse the Employment and Training Department for the College Corps Program; 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:

\$13,589.74	From: A0000000 390900, Fund Balance
	To: CD868900 450310, ETA College Corp Program, College Corps

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to make any necessary adjustments to the interfund transfer accounts; 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: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 295

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AS REGARDS DENTAL INSURANCE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, this Legislature has been informed by communication dated October 7, 2026 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, of a request for a contract with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the County's Self-Insured Dental Plan for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, with the administrative fee for 2027 at \$3.63 PEPM; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature authorizes a contract with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for the County's Self-Insured Dental Plan for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, with the 2027 premium equivalent rates per month as follows:

Division #4 (CSEA)

Single \$ 3.84

Family \$13.47

Division #3 (Highway)

Single \$ 3.15

Family \$11.05

Division #2 (Exempt)

Single \$ 5.30

Family \$17.63

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature be, and he hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to execute any contract necessary with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, to provide such dental insurance plan for the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 296

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT, CREATING PROJECT, AND AMENDING BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIPT OF STOP-DWI FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 8, 2026, from John W. Lynch, STOP-DWI Coordinator, he has requested this Legislature accept additional funding from the New York State Highway Safety Program Grant (DWI Crackdown) in the amount of \$24,500 for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, as a pass through funding stream administered by the County; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 8, 2026, from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to create a project and amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2026 in connection with the receipt of said funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a project is created and the 2026 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue:	A3316000 443890 Impaired Driving Det., Federal Aid, Project 3315C	From: \$0 To: \$24,500
Expense:	A3316000 544000 Impaired Driving Det., Contracted Services, Project 3315C	From: \$0 To: \$24,500

and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 297

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION WITH SYSTEM OF CARE GRANT 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 October 8, 2026 from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, she has requested to enter into the following contracts for the fourth year of the grant for the timeframes listed:

1. **ICAN** – Steve Bulger, 310 Main St., Utica, NY 13501
 - Up to \$51,607, for the period of 9/30/2026-12/31/2026
2. **Esma Zagorica, LCSW** – 1025 Taylor Ave., Utica, NY 13501
 - Up to \$10,400, for the period of 9/30/2026-9/29/2027
3. **View Point Clinical Therapy Services** – Brooke Lewis, 502 Court St., Suite 403, Utica, NY 13502
 - Up to \$5,000, for the period of 9/30/2026-10/31/2026

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 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: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 298

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING, CREATING PROJECT, AUTHORIZING E-SIGNATURE, AND AMENDING BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 24, 2026, from Michael D. Scalise, Director of Probation, this Legislature is advised of the request for acceptance of a grant from the State Division of Criminal Justice Services for Raise the Age (RTA), in the amount of \$21,700.00; and

WHEREAS, letter further advises funding may help supplement overtime of Probation Department staff for work specific to RTA cases handled by the Probation Department, and a portion of the grant may also be utilized for electronic monitoring supervision of these cases, as well as for those involved in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy application, for the period from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 5, 2026 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer, this Legislature is advised of a request to amend the 2026 Budget and create a new project in connection with the receipt for the amount of the grant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described grant is hereby accepted; and, be it further

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

REVENUE:

A3142000 433890, Raise the Age, State Aid, Proj.: 3140B	\$21,700
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EXPENSES:

A3142000 510000, Raise the Age, Salaries, Proj.: 3140B	\$5,000
A3142000 510002, Raise the Age, Overtime, Proj.: 3140B	\$10,000
A3142000 544000, Raise the Age, Contracted Services, Proj.: 3140B	\$5,000
A3142000 546100, Raise the Age, Mileage, Proj.: 3140B	\$1,700

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute by e-signature a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justices to receive a Raise the Age Grant in the amount of \$21,700.00 for the period from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, 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, Director of Probation, and the State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 299

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WESTLAW SUBSCRIPTION WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPONENT FOR HERKIMER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO SHARE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 9, 2026, the Herkimer County Attorney has requested permission to renew an agreement with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw services, for legal research services that are enhanced with Artificial Intelligence capabilities, for a three year period at a monthly fee of \$2,375 for year one, with a 6% increase for year two and a 6% increase for year three; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests a cooperative agreement between the Herkimer County Department of Social Services and the Herkimer County Attorney's Office to share online legal research services; and

WHEREAS, two attorneys from the Herkimer County Department of Social Services and two attorneys from the office of the Herkimer County Attorney make use of the online research services, with the two departments to share in the cost of maintaining the online research account; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute necessary documents to contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw services for legal research services that are enhanced with Artificial Intelligence capabilities for the County Attorney's Office and Department of Social Services, for a monthly fee of \$2,375 for year one, with a 6% increase for year two and a 6% increase for year three; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is authorized to sign the cooperative agreement, with the Department of Social Services reimbursing the County Attorney's Office for fifty percent (50%) of the subscription on a biannual basis; and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 300

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION CONCERNING LATE CHARGE

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 334 of 2022 and Resolution No. 338 of 2023 approved a resolution adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board, in connection to the per-gallon user rate/sewer rent; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 5, 2026, Robin Nalaskowski, Secretary to the Herkimer County Sewer District Board, has advised that by action on September 25, 2026, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a resolution amending and clarifying the District's policy to the imposition of late charges to state "payments received after the billing due date are assessed a late payment fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)", effective January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been forwarded to the Herkimer County Legislature for approval prior to it becoming effective; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves a resolution duly adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board on September 25, 2026, amending and clarifying the District's policy to the imposition of late charges to state "payments received after the billing due date are assessed a late payment fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)", effective January 1, 2027; and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 301

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2026 AND RETURNING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 57 of 2026 appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency for the Schuyler Business Park Traffic Signal & Entryway Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 5, 2026 from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that notice has been received of the final advance of funds with the total project expense at \$659,858.22 and requests to amend Resolution No. 57 of 2026 to only appropriate the exact expense; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the remaining funds of \$340,141.78 be returned from A6420000 544000, IDA Contracted Services, to A0000000 390900, Fund Balance; and, be it further

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

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 302

REPORT AND RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY THE HERKIMER COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the Letter of Kimberlee A. Enea, dated October 14, 2026 with account attached thereto, requests cancellation of real property taxes of certain properties acquired by the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation [hereafter "Land Bank"]; and

WHEREAS, real property owned by the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation is exempt from taxes pursuant to Not For Profit Corporation Law Section 1608(a) upon the date of transfer of title to a land bank; and

WHEREAS, real property set forth in the attached Schedule A was transferred from the County of Herkimer to the Land Bank on October 28, 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following real property taxes set forth in the attached Schedule A shall be cancelled; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Herkimer County Property Agent is authorized to issue and file a Certificate of Cancellation of said taxes; 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 the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation.

Dated: October 28, 2026.

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CANCELLED TAXES</u>	<u>REJECTED TAXES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOWN PORTION FOR LEVY</u>
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS	4,778.58		4,778.58	0.00
TOWN OF GERMAN FLATTS	24,204.92		24,204.92	0.00
TOWN OF HERKIMER	10,293.30		10,293.30	0.00
TOWN OF SCHUYLER	3,409.53		3,409.53	0.00
TOWN OF STARK	1,854.15		1,854.15	0.00
TOWN OF FRANKFORT	16.92		16.92	0.00
TOTALS	\$44,557.40		44,557.40	0.00



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 303

REPORT AND RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANCELLED TAXES AND REJECTED TAXES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the reports of the County Treasurer, with account attached thereto, showing the amounts of cancelled taxes and rejected taxes as of October 16, 2026 which should be charged back to the respective towns, municipalities and districts set forth on said account, does respectfully report that we have examined the same, inquired into the subject matter thereof, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be charged to the respective towns, municipalities and districts as set forth on said account and that the portion of said cancelled taxes and rejected taxes be included in the various towns' tax levies for the coming year as follows:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CANCELLED TAXES</u>	<u>REJECTED TAXES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOWN PORTION FOR LEVY</u>
FRANKFORT	61.01		61.01	36.22
HERKIMER	80.36		80.36	44.28
RUSSIA	47.20		47.20	6.77
WEBB	103.34		103.34	34.84
TOTALS	\$291.91		291.91	122.11

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, County Property Agent, and Director of Real Property Tax Services.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 304

REPORT AND RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TOWN OF WEBB AS TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning and Development

WHEREAS, the New York State Tourist Promotion Act provides that the State of New York will match funds with the applicant tourist promotion agency, which may include radio, television, newspapers and magazine advertising; and

WHEREAS, by letter received October 7, 2026, the Town of Webb Tourism/Publicity Director has contacted your Committee and requested that it be designated by the Herkimer County Legislature as a tourist promotion agency within the meaning of the New York State Tourist Promotion Act for the year 2027; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to send a letter to the New York State Division of Tourism "I Love NY" Campaign to guarantee Herkimer County's 2027 matching funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Town of Webb and the New York State "I Love NY" Program.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 305

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE TOURIST PROMOTION ACT

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Tourist Promotion Act provides that the State of New York will match funds with the applicant tourist promotion agency, which may include radio, television, newspapers, and magazine advertising; and

WHEREAS, Tourist Promotion Agency means any not-for-profit corporation or other non-profit organization, association or agency, which shall be designated by resolution of the County Legislature as the agency specified in the New York State Tourist Promotion Act, provided that the applicant has operated a tourist promotion program for at least three years prior to the enactment of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Webb has contacted your Committee by communication dated October 7, 2026, and requested that it be designated by the Herkimer County Legislature as a tourist promotion agency within the meaning of the New York State Tourist Promotion Act for the year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Webb has advised your Committee that it will appropriate the necessary funds to match the state funds for this Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Herkimer County Legislature hereby designates the Town of Webb as a tourist promotion agency within the County of Herkimer effective this date within the meaning of the New York State Tourist Promotion Act; and
2. That the Herkimer County Legislature hereby authorizes the Town of Webb to make application for and to receive matching funds under the New York State Tourist Promotion Act for the calendar year 2027; and
3. That the Herkimer County Legislature hereby certifies that the Town of Webb has acted as a Tourist Promotion Agency and has been in operation in such capacity prior to the enactment of the said Act; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Town of Webb and the New York State I Love NY Program.

Dated: October 28, 2026.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 306

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HERKIMER COUNTY TREASURER ON BEHALF OF HERKIMER COUNTY TO RE-COMMENCE AND/OR COMMENCE IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A PARCEL PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN ACTION TO OBTAIN TEMPORARY INCIDENTS OF OWNERSHIP PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW ARTICLE 56 TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION INVESTIGATIONS

Sponsored by: Committee on County Properties

WHEREAS, the premises known as Tax Map Parcel No. 104.7-1-88 in the Town of Schuyler [hereafter "the premises"] was the subject of the In Rem proceedings brought by the County of Herkimer for the tax year 2001; and

WHEREAS, the County Properties Committee has recommended that the Herkimer County Attorney and the Herkimer County Treasurer on behalf of Herkimer County, re-commence and/or commence an In Rem Tax Foreclosure against the above parcel as set forth below pursuant to the provisions of Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law and within those proceedings seek to obtain temporary incidents of ownership pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 56 of the following parcel:

TOWN	ADDRESS	OWNER	TAX MAP PARCEL #
Schuyler	2008 State Route 5	Louis D. Lazzaro	104.7-1-88

WHEREAS, in order to gain access to the above parcel for the purposes of conducting environmental restoration investigations, the County Attorney is requesting authority to re-commence and/or commence In Rem Tax Foreclosures proceedings in the appropriate Herkimer County Court and authority to seek to obtain temporary incidents of ownership of the aforementioned parcel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney and the County Treasurer are authorized to re-commence and/or commence In Rem Tax Foreclosure proceedings against the above parcel pursuant to RPTL Article 11 and within those proceedings seek to obtain temporary incidents of ownership of the above parcel for the purposes of conducting an environmental restoration investigation pursuant to the provisions of ECL Article 56; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency [hereafter "IDA"] who will retain appropriate environmental firms to conduct environmental restoration investigations pursuant to ECL Article 56, with said agreement to further provide that the cost of such environmental restoration investigations to be paid for by the IDA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, County Auditor, County Property Agent, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, and the Town of Schuyler.

Dated: October 28, 2026.