MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
First Quarter – Fourth Day
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
7:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Robert D. Hollum at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Hollum called on Jennifer DeMetro, Herkimer County Clerk, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hollum 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, Hollum, Bennett, Brezinski, Bick, Swartz, Lucenti, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Haehl, Wares, Weakley (15).

Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the County Legislature, Chairman Hollum asked if there were any objections or corrections to the minutes of February 12, 2025. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

Pursuant to Rule 11, Chairman Hollum opened the floor for public comment. 1) Lisa Evans, Ilion – Herkimer County employee parking.

Chairman Hollum 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. 80 be read.

No. 76 – A communication was received from HC Soil & Water Conservation District submitting 2024 Annual Report. Filed.

No. 77 – A communication was received from HC Soil & Water Conservation District advising of monthly meeting. Filed.

No. 78 – A communication was received from Cornell Cooperative Extension submitting 2024 Annual Report. Filed.

No. 79 – A communication was received from Solid Waste Authority submitting Meeting Minutes and Resolutions. Filed.

No. 80 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.

No. 81 – A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting tax refunds for the month of January 2025. Filed.

No. 82 – A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting tax corrections for the month of January 2025. Filed.

No. 83 – A communication was received from the IDA submitting Notice for PILOT Agreement Expirations and Terminations. Filed.

No. 84 – A communication was received from the IDA submitting copy of Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Application of Real Property Tax Exemption – Hills Solar NY, LLC. Filed.

No. 85 – A communication was received from the IDA submitting copy of Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Application of Real Property Tax Exemption – Watkins Road Solar NY, LLC. Filed.

No. 86 – A communication was received from the IDA submitting copy of Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Application of Real Property Tax Exemption – Flat Hill Solar NY, LLC. Filed.

No. 87 – A communication was received from the IDA submitting copy of Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Application of Real Property Tax Exemption – Grassy Knoll Solar NY, LLC. Filed.

No. 88 – A communication was received from Capital District OTB submitting financial report for October 2024. Filed.

No. 89 – A communication was received from the District Attorney submitting line of succession. Filed.

No. 90 – A communication was received from the Sheriff submitting November and December 2024 monthly reports. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management.

No. 91 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer submitting GASB 74 & 75 actuarial report for Fiscal Year 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 92 – A communication was received from the Director of Weights & Measures submitting 2024 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

No. 93 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent submitting 2024 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 94 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting amendment to Resolution No. 111 of 2023. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 95 – A communication was received from the County Clerk submitting 2024 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs.

No. 96 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting renewal with National Grid for Substation on Highway Department property. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 97 – A communication was received from the Director of Office for the Aging requesting HIICAP contract renewal. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 98 – A communication was received from the Director of Office for the Aging submitting 2024 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

No. 99 – A communication was received from the Director of Office for the Aging requesting renewal of NY Connects Expansion & Enhancement. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 100 – A communication was received from the Director of Office for the Aging requesting EISEP & Unmet Need Program contract renewals. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 101 – A communication was received from the Director of Office for the Aging requesting contract for Home Delivered Meals for West Winfield. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 102 – A communication was received from the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau requesting to accept funding and approve contracts for the Youth Programs. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 103 – A communication was received from the Director of Community Services requesting to reimburse for professional liability insurance. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 104 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services submitting 2024 Annual Report for the Information Services Department. Referred to the Committee on Information Services.

No. 105 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services submitting 2024 Annual Report for Central Printing. Referred to the Committee on Information Services.

No. 106 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health submitting 2024 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

No. 107 – A communication was received from the County Treasurer requesting amendment to Resolution No. 402 of 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 108 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting approval of 2025 capital construction Project. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 109 – A communication was received from the Director of Emergency Services requesting Acceptance of PSAP Grant. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 110 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment and creation of project for SICG Grant in Emergency Services. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 111 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting contract with Healthy Alliance in Public Health. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 112 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting approval of purchase and contract for Full-Service Medicaid and eSTACS module in Public Health. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 113 – A communication was received from the County Administrator requesting Resolution to renew contract with Strategic Development Specialists. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 114 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent submitting 2024 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 115 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment for IDA CDBG funding. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 116 – A communication was received from the Highway Superintendent requesting amendment to Resolution No. 16 of 2025. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 117 – A communication was received from the Sewer District submitting Resolution for appointment of Chairman. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

No. 118 – A communication was received from the Sewer District submitting Resolution for appointment of Vice Chairman. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

No. 119 – A communication was received from the Sewer District submitting resolution reappointing board member. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

No. 120 – A communication was received from the County Attorney requesting discussion on Tax Certiorari appraisal. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 121 – A communication was received from the IDA requesting Temporary Incidents of Ownership on parcel in the Village of Herkimer. Referred to the Committee on County Properties.

No. 122 – A communication was received from the IDA requesting Temporary Incidents of Ownership on parcel in the Village of Herkimer. Referred to the Committee on County Properties.

No. 123 – A communication was received from the County Administrator requesting Resolution to enter into a contract with the Herkimer County Landbank Corporation. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 124 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting acceptance of Early Intervention Administration Grant in Public Health. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 125 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting to award bid for Vehicle in Weights & Measures Department. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 126 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting Salary Schedule changes in County Clerk's office. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 127 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting approval of benefits for seasonal Highway Employees. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 128 – A communication was received from the Commissioners of Elections requesting approval of purchase using grant funds. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 129 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment for an increase in State Aid and additional Opioid Settlement funds. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 130 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting transfers and budget amendment in 2024 Budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 131 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting creation of reserve account for Opioid funds. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 132 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting to amend Resolution No. 391 of 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 133 – A communication was received from National Grid submitting Semi-Annual PCB Inventory Report. Filed.

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

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Resolution No. 69 – Resolution No. 79 were handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

Consent Agenda:

69 ADMIN./VETS. AFFAIRS: Adopting Annual Report of County Clerk
70 INFO. SVCS.: Adopting Annual Report of Information Services and Central Printing
71 HIGHWAYS: Adopting Annual Report of County Superintendent of Highways
72 HUMAN RES.: Adopting Annual Report of Herkimer County Office for the Aging
73 NAT. RESOURCES: Approving Annual Report of Director of Weights and Measures

74 HUMAN RES.: Adopting Annual Report of Public Health Nursing Service
75 WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Annual Report of Purchasing Agent for the year 2024
76 NAT. RESOURCES: Approving Sewer District Resolution appointing Chairman
77 NAT. RESOURCES: Approving Sewer District Resolution appointing Vice Chairman
78 NAT. RESOURCES: Designating member to Herkimer County Sewer Board
79 WAYS & MEANS: Amending Res. No. 402 of 2024

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 69

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, your Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs, to which was referred the Annual Report of Sylvia M. Rowan, County Clerk, pertaining to monies received by her office for the period ending December 31, 2024, respectfully reports and offers the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Herkimer County Clerk for the year 2024 be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2024.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 70

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES AND CENTRAL PRINTING DEPARTMENTS

Sponsored by: Committee on Information Services

WHEREAS, your Committee on Information Services, to which was referred the Annual Report of the Herkimer County Information Services Department for the year 2024, and the Annual Report for the Central Printing Department for the year 2024, respectfully reports that we have examined the same, recommend the adoption of said reports, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Herkimer County Information Services Department and the Annual Report for the Central Printing Department for the year 2024 be approved and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 71

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, your Committee on Highways, to which was referred the Annual Report for 2024 of the County Highway Superintendent, respectfully reports that we have examined the same, recommend the adoption of said report, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Annual Report of the County Superintendent of Highways be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2024.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 72

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HERKIMER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources

WHEREAS, your Committee on Human Resources, to which was referred the Annual Report of the Herkimer County Office for the Aging for the year 2024, 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 Herkimer County Office for the Aging Department be approved and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2024.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 73

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources

WHEREAS, your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred the Annual Report of the Director of Weights and Measures for the year 2024, reports that we have examined said report, recommend its adoption and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Herkimer County Director of Weights and Measures be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2024.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 74

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources

WHEREAS, your Committee on Human Resources, to which was referred the Annual Report for 2024 of the Herkimer County Public Health Nursing Service, 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 Public Health Nursing Service be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2024.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 75

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE YEAR 2024

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a communication from the Budget Officer and Purchasing Agent submitting the report of the Purchasing Department for the months of January through December 2024, respectfully reports that we have examined said report, recommend its adoption and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the Purchasing Agent for the year 2024 be

adopted and filed with the Herkimer County Legislature.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 76

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHAIRMAN OF SEWER BOARD

Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 20, 2025, this Legislature is advised that the Herkimer County Sewer Board adopted a resolution on February 19, 2025 appointing George Cryer as Chairman of the Sewer Board effective March 1, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves a resolution duly adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board on February 19, 2025 appointing George Cryer to the position of Chairman of the Sewer Board effective March 1, 2025; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 77

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICE CHAIRMAN OF SEWER BOARD

Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 20, 2025, this Legislature is advised that the Herkimer County Sewer Board adopted a resolution on February 19, 2025 appointing L. Peter Rovazzi as Vice Chairman of the Sewer Board effective March 1, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves a resolution duly adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board on February 19, 2025 appointing L. Peter Rovazzi to the position of Vice Chairman of the Sewer Board effective March 1, 2025; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 78

REPORT AND RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEMBER TO HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER BOARD

Sponsored by: Committee on Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the County of Herkimer, by Resolution No. 100 for the year 1993 determined that the administrative body of the Herkimer County Sewer District should thereafter be a five member board and appointed the chief executive officer or their designees of the Villages of Ilion, Frankfort and Mohawk and the Towns of Frankfort and German Flatts as members of said Board; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 20, 2025, from the Herkimer County Sewer District, your Committee has been advised that the Town of German Flatts has submitted a letter for reappointment of L. Peter Rovazzi as designee of the Town for a five-year term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that L. Peter Rovazzi is hereby re-appointed to the Herkimer County Sewer District Board for a five-year term to expire on February 28, 2030; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 79

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 402 OF 2024 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF DUES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES DURING THE YEAR 2025

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024 this Legislature adopted Resolution No. 402 authorizing payment of dues for municipal officers and employees during the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated February 14, 2025, from Kimberlee A. Enea, County Treasurer, request is made to increase the annual membership fee for the New York State County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association Dues from $180 to $250; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 402 adopted on December 11, 2024, be amended under Treasurer, to increase the annual membership for the New York State County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association Dues from $180 to $250; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in all other respects Resolution No. 402 of 2024 shall remain in full force and effect; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 80 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contracts for the Youth Programs and Youth Team Sports for 2025 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 80

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE YOUTH PROGRAMS AND YOUTH TEAM SPORTS FOR 2025

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 7, 2025, from Rachael Case, Executive Director of the Herkimer County Youth Bureau, this Legislature is advised that the New York State Office of Children and Family Services has approved Herkimer County's Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) for 2025, which includes requested state aid in the amount of $129,348; and

WHEREAS, by said letter, the Executive Director of the Herkimer County Youth Bureau advises that the Youth Bureau now desires to enter into contracts for 2025 with local agencies for the implementation of the Youth Development Programs as well as contracts for 9 local youth sports programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute contracts, subject to reimbursement from the State of New York, with the following agencies in the amounts listed:

Youth Development Funding:
Little Falls YMCA, School's Out Scholarship Program - $4,500.00
Little Falls YMCA, Unsupervised Youth Alternatives - $4,500.00
Little Falls Family YMCA, 15 Jackson Street, Little Falls NY, 13365

Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, Domestic Violence Program - $8,000.00
Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, Youth Summit - $1,250.00
Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, 61 West Street, Ilion, NY 13357

Center for Family Life and Recovery, Short Term Prevention Services - $10,000.00
Center for Family Life and Recovery, 502 Court Street, Suite 401, Utica, NY 13502

Juvenile Officer/School Resource Officer - $1,250.00
Herkimer Police Department, 120 Green Street, Herkimer, NY 13350

Youth Afterschool Program - $1,500
Kommunity Youth Activity Center, Inc., P.O. Box 45, Old Forge, NY 13420

Forest Club - $3,000.00
Town of Webb, P.O. Box 157, Old Forge, NY 13420

Youth Sports Education Funding:
Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, Runaway and Homeless Youth Fitness Program - $8,000.00
Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, 61 West Street, Ilion, NY 13357

Rescue Heroes Program - $12,000.00
BOCES, 352 Gros Blvd., Herkimer, NY 13350

Runaway and Homeless Youth (60% state funding, 20% agency match, 20% county match)
Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, Runaway and Homeless Youth Program –
$20,050.00 – State share,
$ 6,684.00 – Catholic Charities match,
$ 6,684.00 – Herkimer County match
Program total: $33,417

Youth Team Sports funding:
Recreation Connections of Old Forge, P.O. Box 825, Old Forge, NY 13420 - $3,000
Central Valley Little League, 1057 Elizabethtown, Ilion, NY 13357 - $3,000
Inlet Mighty Loons Hockey Club, P.O. Box 421, Inlet, NY 13360 - $3,000
District 3 Wrestling, 133 E. Main Street, Frankfort, NY 13340 - $3,000
Kuyahoora AYSO, 137 Cold Brook Street, Poland, NY 13431 - $3,000
Frankfort Little League, 1196 State Route 171, Frankfort, NY 13340 - $3,000
Herkimer Hornets, P.O. Box 785, Herkimer, NY 13350 - $3,000
Little Falls Youth Wrestling, 224 Burwell Street, Little Falls, NY 13365 - $3,000
Central Valley Pop Warner, 146 McKensy Place, Mohawk NY 13407 - $3,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Executive Director of the Herkimer County Youth Bureau, and the

above listed agencies.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 81 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing reimbursement for Professional Liability Insurance to Mental Health Consultant was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 81

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE TO MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Vinay Patil is a psychiatrist under contract to provide services to Herkimer County Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 10, 2025, Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, has requested that Dr. Patil be reimbursed for a sum not to exceed $1,500 annually for professional liability insurance in connection with special psychiatric services provided to inmates at the Herkimer County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, your Committees have taken this matter under consideration and recommend said reimbursement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dr. Vinay Patil be, and he hereby is, authorized to receive reimbursement, upon receipt of proper documentation for a sum not to exceed $1,500 annually for professional liability insurance associated with special psychiatric services provided to inmates at the Herkimer County Correctional Facility; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Ms. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 82 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting funds and authorizing e-signature for PSAP Grant in Emergency Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 82

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING E-SIGNATURE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 30, 2025, Albert J. Moxham, Jr., Director of Emergency Services has advised of a 2024 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant in the amount of $199,901.00, with the letter further requesting the Chairman be authorized to e-sign said grant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above grant funding be accepted and the Chairman of the Legislature be authorized to e-sign the grant document; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 83 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting funds, authorizing e-signature, creating project, and amending budget for SICG Grant in Emergency Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 83

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SICG TARGET GRANT FUNDING, AUTHORIZING E-SIGNATURE, CREATING PROJECT NUMBER, AND AMENDING 2025 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 30, 2025, Albert J. Moxham, Jr., Director of Emergency Services has advised of the receipt of the State Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) for FY24 in the amount of $670,415.00, for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 18, 2025 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the 2025 Budget and create a new project, and further advises that said funds will be advanced by the County, with reimbursement from the grant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described grant is hereby accepted, a project number be created, and that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

Revenue:
H3097, Gen. Gov't Capital Projects, Project 19-9 From: $0
To: $670,415

Expense:
H3021.25000, Public Safety Communications, Other Equipment, Project 19-9
From: $0
To: $270,415

H3021.44000, Public Safety Communications, Contracted Services, Project 19-9
From: $0
To: $400,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be authorized to e-sign the grant document; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 84 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means approving renewal of agreement with Strategic Development Specialists was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 84

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS TO RENDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING GRANT WRITING TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN HERKIMER COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 19, 2025, James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator, has requested a contract renewal of the current agreement entered into with Strategic Development Specialists of Syracuse, New York, to provide services in connection with grant writing for projects for the County, the IDA and the College to further economic development projects in the County, to extend said agreement for an additional twelve month period through April 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the cost for such services will be $6,000 per month plus incidentals, totaling $3,000 annually, for the period of April 5, 2025 through April 4, 2026, with all other terms of the agreement to remain in force and effect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into a renewal of the agreement with Strategic Development Specialists, P.O. Box 205, Syracuse, New York 13214, to provide professional services in connection with grant writing for projects for the County, the IDA and the College to further economic development projects in the County, at a cost of $6,000 per month plus incidentals, totaling $3,000 annually, to extend the contract for the period of April 5, 2025 through April 4, 2026, with all other terms of the agreement to remain in full force and effect, and 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 Strategic Development Specialists.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 85 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing benefits for seasonal Highway employees was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

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

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

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 85

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BENEFITS FOR SEASONAL HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 21, 2025 Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, has requested a work boot allowance of $75.00 and an equipment allowance of $275.00 for the 2025 and 2026 seasons and will authorize a $2.00 per hour pay increase when a seasonal employee is training and/or driving the Low Boy, operating the aerial truck, and for fuel truck operators with a hazmat endorsement, while training and/or operating; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the above stated 2025 and 2026 benefit rates for seasonal highway workers are hereby approved; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 86 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting funding and amending 2025 budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 86

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING AND AMENDING 2025 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 25, 2025, from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that Herkimer County is a recipient of funding in the opioid settlement, with said funding to be used to combat the opioid crisis through the Department of Social Services and the Office of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises that it is necessary to amend the 2025 Budget to accept the funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the funding is accepted and the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

A6010D.2735, DSS Opioid Settlement	From: $0 To: $99,301.45
A6010D.44000, DSS Opioid Settlement, Contracted Services	From: $0 To: $99,301.45.

and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Ms. Bennett, Report and Resolution No. 87 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means approving Third Modified Agreement between Herkimer County Community College with Herkimer Solar, LLC for the purchase of solar energy credits was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 87

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFIED AGREEMENT BETWEEN HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOLAR ENERGY CREDITS

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 237 of 2020 authorized Herkimer County Community College to purchase solar energy credits through Herkimer Solar, LLC, 190 High St., Boston, MA 02210; and

WHEREAS, Herkimer County Community College entered into a VDER Value Stack Credit Sales Agreement [hereinafter "Agreement"] with Herkimer Solar, LLC at a discount rate of 16% and a base payment of 5 cents per kWh for a twenty year term, with annual escalation rate of 1.25%; and

WHEREAS, the parties amended said Agreement on October 1, 2020 to provide for a 16% fixed discount rate for the initial term, and further extended the Estimated Commercial Operations Date to December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the First Modification agreement and a Second Modified agreement, all other terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions of the October 1, 2020 Agreement remained in full force and effect unmodified; and

WHEREAS, Herkimer Solar, LLC has provided a proposed Third Modification Agreement to Herkimer County Community College that would extend the commercial operations date to December 31, 2025 with all prior provisions of the First Modification Agreement remaining in full force and effect unchanged; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 19-27D adopted on February 24, 2025, by the College Board of Trustees is hereby approved to authorize the College to enter into the Third Modification Agreement on the terms set forth above; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Senior Vice President

for Administration and Finance of Herkimer County Community College, and Herkimer Solar, LLC.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 88 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract renewal for HIICAP funding for the Office for the Aging was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 88

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR HIICAP FUNDING FOR THE HERKIMER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 76 of 2007, authorization to submit an application for the implementation of the HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) through the Herkimer County Office for the Aging was approved; and

WHEREAS, said Program is funded 100%, with no local match, has been administered on a subcontract basis by Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, and has been renewed each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 30, 2025, from Kathy L. Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, this Legislature is advised of a request to renew the contract with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County for administration of the Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP) for the program year commencing April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, with funding currently anticipated at $39,000; 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 as follows:

- HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) for the 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026 program year; funding is currently anticipated at $39,000.00;
- Program shall be subcontracted to Catholic Charities of Herkimer County with said contract amount not to be more than the level of funding that is made available to the County of Herkimer;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is further authorized to enter into an annual renewal of said contract after the expiration of the current agreement, upon the same or

more favorable terms and conditions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of the Office for the Aging, and Catholic Charities.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 89 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract between OFA and DSS for NY Connects Expansion & Enhancement was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 89

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT BETWEEN OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR NY CONNECTS EXPANSION & ENHANCEMENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BALANCING INCENTIVE PROGRAM – BIP)

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 3, 2025 from Kathy L. Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, this Legislature is advised of a request to enter into a contract with the Department of Social Services in the amount of $15,000 to provide services in connection with the implementation of the NY Connects Expansion & Enhancement (formerly known as the Balance Incentive Program), which is a program to assist individuals who are Medicaid or Medicare eligible in obtaining in-home services to prevent nursing home placement; and

WHEREAS, said contract will be for the period from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 and will be 100% funded by NY Connects Expansion & Enhancement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature authorizes a contract for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, between the Herkimer County Office for the Aging and the Herkimer County Department of Social Services, for the provision of services in connection with the implementation of NY Connects Expansion & Enhancement, which is a program to assist individuals who are Medicaid or Medicare eligible in obtaining in-home services to prevent nursing home placement, in the amount of $15,000; 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 said program shall continue so long as 100% reimbursement is available from the State of New York; 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 Director of the Office for the Aging.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 90 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means concerning services in connection with the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 90

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolutions previously adopted, contracts were authorized between the Herkimer County Office for the Aging and At Home Care, Inc., the Department of Social Services, Home Aide Services for Central Adirondacks (HASCA), Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), Plan It Staffing, Marquis Home Care, LLC. and U.S. Care Systems for said contractors to provide services for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and Unmet Needs Programs; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated February 4, 2025 from Kathy L. Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, this Legislature is advised of a request to enter into renewals of the aforesaid contracts for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, with funding at 75/25%, with the Office for the Aging to provide the local match for aide services for At Home Care, RCIL, HASCA, U.S. Care Systems, Plan It Staffing, Marquis Home Care, LLC. and with DSS to provide the local match for their allocation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That contracts be entered into between the Herkimer County Office for the Aging and the agencies listed to provide services for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and Unmet Needs as follows:

- At Home Care will be contracted for aide services estimated to be $78,000; the hourly rate will be Level 1 - $35.50 and Level 2 - $36.00; $136.50 RN Assessment (initial assessment, 180 day reassessment, change in condition).
- DSS will provide case management services for up to a total amount of $70,000 with state aid reimbursement of 75% up to $52,500.
- HASCA will be contracted for aide services estimated to be $25,330; the hourly rate will be $36.00.
- RCIL will be contracted for services estimated to be $87,330; the hourly rate will be $27.60.
- U.S. Care Systems will be contracted for services estimated to be $40,000; the hourly rate will be Level 1 - $37.00 per hour and Level 2 - $38.00 per hour
- Plan It Staffing will be contracted for services estimated to be $35,000; the hourly rates will be $28.00.
- Marquis Home Care, LLC. – will be contracted for services estimated to be $88,000: the hourly rate will be Level 1 - $37.00 per hour and Level 2 - $37.50.

2. That all contracts shall state that payments are based on availability of state aid and will include a 60 day cancellation of contract clause;

3. That the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the County of Herkimer;

4. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of the Office for the Aging, Commissioner of Social Services, At Home Care, Inc., Home Aide Service of the Central Adirondacks, Resource Center for Independent Living, U.S. Care System, Marquis Home Care, LLC. and Plan It Staffing.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Swartz, Report and Resolution No. 91 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means approving contract for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals Programs for West Winfield was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 91

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAMS FOR THE WEST WINFIELD AREA

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 68 adopted on March 17, 2021, awarded a contract for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals Programs for the West Winfield area; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 7, 2025 from Kathy Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, she has requested to enter into a contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc., for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 with said contract to have an option for two consecutive renewals, with a cost of living adjustment each year up to 3%; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby authorizes a contract for the Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals programs for the West Winfield area for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, with said contract to have an option for two consecutive renewals, with a cost of living adjustment, and with said contract to contain a 60 day termination of contract provision:

Area:	**Number of meals:**	**Cost:**
West Winfield area: Trinity Services Group , Inc.	up to 60 meals/day	$5.11/meal, up to $75,731.00 annually

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer, and 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 the Office for the Aging, and the above listed agency.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Haehl, Resolution No. 92 sponsored by the Committee on Highways amending Resolution No. 111 of 2023 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 92

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 111 OF 2023 APPROVING PROJECTS UNDER ARTICLE 6, SECTION 116 OF THE HIGHWAY LAW

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 111 of 2023, this Legislature approved the use of County Road Fund monies for Project No. 427, North Gage Road, in the amount of $200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 6, 2025, Mark A. Nagele, P.E., Herkimer County Highway Superintendent, has advised that additional funds are required for this project, and he has requested an increase in the appropriated amount to $610,000.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 111 of 2023 is hereby amended to increase the estimated cost for the project to $610,000.00, and that County Road Fund monies in that amount are hereby approved for that project; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Donley, Resolution No. 93 sponsored by the Committee on Highways renewing lease agreement with National Grid in Highways Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Abstain: Ackerman (1). Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 93

REPORT AND RESOLUTION RENEWING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID FOR A PORTION OF THE HERKIMER COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE PREMISES FOR SUBSTATION

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature, by Resolution No. 174 of 1982 leased 10,000 square feet of county property located at the Herkimer County Highway Garage premises on Third Avenue to National Grid (formerly Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation) for a substation, for a term of five years, which lease was renewed for additional periods thereafter by Resolution of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 5, 2025, Mark Nagele, County Highway Superintendent, has requested said lease be extended for an additional five years from August 11, 2025 to August 10, 2030, with the total rental fee for the five year period to be in the amount of $38,688 ($644.80 per month); and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has considered said matter and determines that said parcel of real property is not required for public use; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature, pursuant to Local Law No. 3 of 1988, having made a determination that said parcel is not required for public use, hereby renews a lease agreement with National Grid (formerly Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation) for 10,000 square feet of county property for a substation, for a term of five years commencing August 11,

2025 to August 10, 2030, for a total rental fee for the five year term to be in the amount of $38,688 ($644.80 per month), with 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, County Highway Superintendent, and National Grid.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 94 sponsored by the Committee on Highways approving projects under Article 6, Section 116 of the Highway Law was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 94

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT UNDER ARTICLE 6, SECTION 116 OF THE HIGHWAY LAW

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, your Committee on Highways, to which was referred letters from Mark Nagele, County Superintendent of Highways, dated February 14, 2025, submitting three copies each of statement under Article 6 of the Highway Law designating work to be done with County Bridge NY monies during the year 2025, covering one project involved in the Capital Construction Program, respectfully reports that we have examined said statements contained in said communication from and signed by the County Superintendent of Highways, recommend its adoption, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the statements under Article 6 of the Highway Law which designates work to be done with Bridge NY monies be, and hereby are, approved by the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer for the following project involved in the Capital Construction Program, to be funded as listed:

PROJECT NO.	ROAD/LOCATION	TYPE OF PROJECT	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
445	Hardscrabble Rd. CR 142 over City Brook T/Norway P.I.N. 2754.77	Construction, Construction Support & Construction Inspection	$1,243,966.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this project will be funded through Bridge NY monies; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Brezinski, seconded by Mr. Bick, Report and Resolution No. 95 sponsored by the Committee on Highways amending Resolution No. 16 of 2025 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 95

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2025 APPROVING PROJECTS UNDER ARTICLE 6, SECTION 116 OF THE HIGHWAY LAW

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 16 of 2025, this Legislature approved the use of CHIPS monies for Project No. 442, Higby Road, in the amount of $225,000.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 19, 2025, Mark A. Nagele, P.E., Herkimer County Highway Superintendent, has advised that additional funds are required for this project, and he has requested an increase in the appropriated amount to $250,000.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 16 of 2025 is hereby amended to increase the estimated cost for the project to $250,000.00, and that CHIPS monies in that amount are hereby approved for that project; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 96 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract for the Early Intervention Administration Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 96

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR FUNDING FOR EARLY INTERVENTION ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 21, 2025, from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, this Legislature is advised that the New York State Department of Health has submitted a contract providing for the renewal of the Early Intervention Administration Program grant in the total amount of $40,173.00; and

WHEREAS, said agreement shall be effective for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Herkimer has qualified personnel, facilities and expertise to provide the services required under the terms of the agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to complete by electronic signature a contract with the New York State Department of Health, on behalf of the County of Herkimer for an Early Intervention Administration grant in the amount of $40,173.00, with said grant to be for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; 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 New York State Department of Health.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 97 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract with Healthy Alliance in Public Health was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 97

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH HEALTHY ALLIANCE FOR PARTNERSHIP AND REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE WAIVER AS A SOCIAL CARE NETWORK ORGANIZATION IN PUBIC HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, the 1115 Waiver in New York is a federal program that allows the State to test new approaches to Medicaid, the program that provides health coverage to low-income individuals, where New York can implement innovative strategies that go beyond the traditional Medicaid model to improve care, enhance health outcomes, and reduce costs giving the state flexibility to design and test programs that address the unique needs of its residents, particularly in areas like mental health, substance use, and long term care services: and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 13, 2025, from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, this Legislature is advised of a request to approve a contract with Healthy Alliance, to allow for partnership and reimbursement under the waiver as a Social Care Network Organization where Public Health would assist in coordinating services to meet the health related social needs of individuals, and would collaborate with health care providers and other community organizations to identify and address needs such as food insecurity, housing and transportation; and

WHEREAS, most of the requirements of this contract are services and functions already being delivered by Public Health, where contracting these existing services would allow increased reimbursement and revenue, along with access to other supports provided by the lead organization and other waiver offerings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above-described contract with Healthy Alliance is approved, and that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract; 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 Healthy Alliance.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 98 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means approving purchase and contract in Public Health was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 98

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AND CONTRACT FOR FULL-SERVICE MEDICAID AND ESTACS MODULE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 14, 2025, a request has been received from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, for approval to purchase and enter into a contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of the Full-Service Medicaid and eSTACS modules that complement the existing Preschool Billing Service which will ensure the ability to claim more services, reducing one-man dependency and allow the billing to scale in proportion to the growth of the program, these modules will reflect financially and functionally to ensure the continued ability to bill without interruption and to realize maximum reimbursement for these required services; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of these modules from James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. is $110,432.84 for the first year to include a one-time cost of $50,000 and annually thereafter a cost of $32,000.00 plus 5% of the Medicaid billing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc., 1482 Erie Boulevard, Schenectady, New York 12305, for the purchase of the Full-Service Medicaid and eSTACS modules to complement the existing Preschool Billing Service software for the Public Health Nursing Service Department, at a cost of $110,432.84 for the first year and $32,000.00 annually plus 5% of the Medicaid billing thereafter; 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 James McGuiness & Associates, Inc.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Bick, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 99 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing transfers of funds and amend 2024 Budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 99

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS IN 2024 BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a communication from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, dated February 7, 2025, submitting requests for transfers of funds and budget amendments in the 2024 Budget, reports that we have examined said communication, inquired into the subject matters thereof, and recommend that said transfers and budget amendments 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 sums from and to the following accounts and make the following budget amendments in the 2024 Budget:

2024 Transfers:

$10,264	From:	A4010.10000-001, Public Health, Salaries
	To:	A1010.10000-001, Legislature, Salaries
$1,246	From:	A1010B.46100, Community Development, Mileage
	To:	A1010B.10000-001, Community Development, Salaries
$96	From:	A1010B.46100, Community Development, Mileage
	To:	A1010B.86000, Community Development, Health Insurance
$1,015	From:	A1165.46000, District Attorney, Miscellaneous
	To:	A1165.10000-001, District Attorney, Salaries
$7,343	From:	A1320.10000-001, Auditor, Salaries
	To:	A1320.86000, Auditor, Health Insurance
$6,167	From:	A1320.10000-001, Auditor, Salaries
	To:	A1325.10000-001, Treasurer, Salaries
$4,000	From:	A1320.10000-001, Auditor, Salaries
	To:	A1325.44000, Treasurer, Contracted Services
$3,058	From:	A1326.46300, Co. Property, Postage
	To:	A1326.86000, Co. Property, Health Insurance
$22,201	From:	A4010.10000-001, Public Health, Salaries
	To:	A1410.10000-001, County Clerk, Salaries
$30	From:	A1420.10000-001, County Attorney, Salaries
	To:	A1420.44000, County Attorney, Contracted Services
$2,008	From:	A4010.10000-001, Public Health Salaries
	To:	A1430.10000-001, Personnel, Salaries
$2,232	From:	A4010.10000-001, Public Health, Salaries
	To:	A1430.44000, Personnel, Contracted Services
$150	From:	A1450.46000, BOE, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A1450.10000-001, BOE, Salaries
$4,800	From:	A1620.42000, Buildings, Utilities
	To:	A1620.10000-001, Buildings, Salaries
$410	From:	A1680.10000-001, Information Services, Salaries
	To:	A1670.86000, Central Printing, Health Insurance
$1,463	From:	A1680.10000-001, Information Services, Salaries
	To:	A1680.86000, Information Services, Health Insurance
$11,945	From:	A1680.10000-001, Information Services, Salaries
	To:	A1990.46000, Contingent Fund, Miscellaneous Expense
$1,036	From:	A3020.10000-001, Public Safety, Salaries
	To:	A3020.86000, Public Safety, Health Insurance
$73,276	From:	A3140.10000-001, Probation, Salaries
	To:	A3021.10000-001, Pub Safety Communication, Salaries
$21,516	From:	A6100.46000, Medicaid, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A3110.10000-001, Sheriff, Salaries

$3,310	From:	A6100.46000, Medicaid, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A3110.44000, Sheriff, Contracted Services
$20,417	From:	A6100.46000, Medicaid, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A3112.10000-001, SPO/SRO, Salaries
$18,697	From:	A3140.10000-001, Probation, Salaries
	To:	A3140.86000, Health Insurance, Probation
$6,227	From:	A3140.10000-001, Probation, Salaries
	To:	A3141.86000, Alt to Inc, Health Insurance
$162,744	From:	A6100.46000, Medicaid, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A3150.10000-001, Jail, Salaries
$1,767	From:	A3315.10000-001, Special Traffic, Salaries
	To:	A3315.86000, Special Traffic, Health Insurance
$971	From:	A3641.41000, LEPC, Supplies
	To:	A3640.86000, LEPC, Health Insurance
$1,169	From:	A4010.10000-001, Public Health, Salaries
	To:	A4010.86000, Public Health, Health Insurance
$971	From:	A4010.10000-001, Public Health, Salaries
	To:	A4046.86000, Physically Hand Children, Health Insurance
$2,473	From:	A4320.10000-001, Mental Health, Salaries
	To:	A4320.86000, Mental Health, Health Insurance
$37,549	From:	A6010.44000, Social Services Admin, Contracted Services
	To:	A6010.10000-001, Social Services Admin, Salaries
$49,810	From:	A6014.10000-001, Child Support, Salaries
	To:	A6010.86000, Social Services, Health Insurance
$498	From:	A6010A.44000, WMS, Contracted Services
	To:	A6010A.10000-001, WMS, Salaries
$384	From:	A6014.10000-001, Child Support, Salaries
	To:	A6010A.86000, WMS, Health Insurance
$4,746	From:	A6011.10000-001, SNAP, Salaries
	To:	A6011.86000, SNAP, Health Insurance
$596	From:	A6100.46000, Medicaid, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A6510.10000-001, Veterans, Salaries
$6,060	From:	A6100.46000, Medicaid, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	A7320.81000, Summer Youth, Retirement
$24,868	From:	D5010.46000, Highway Admin, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	D5010.10000-001, Highway Admin, Salaries
$24,000	From:	D5020.10000-001, Engineering, Salaries
	To:	D5110.10000-001, Maintenance Division Salaries
$4,010	From:	D5020.81000, Engineering, Retirement
	To:	D5110.10000-001, Maintenance Division, Salaries
$10,000	From:	DM5130.10000-001, Road Maintenance, Salaries
	To:	DM5130.86000, Road Maintenance, Health Insurance
$10,000	From:	DM5130.10100, Road Maintenance, Temp Employees
	To:	DM5130.86000, Road Maintenance, Health Insurance
$13,000	From:	DM5130.46200-888, Road Maintenance, Unleaded Gas
	To:	DM5130.86000, Road Maintenance, Health Insurance

$9,000	From:	DM5130.42000-832, Road Maintenance, Gas
	To:	DM5130.86000, Road Maintenance, Health Insurance
$3,519	From:	DM5130.46200-782, Road Maintenance, Oil
	To:	DM5130.86000, Road Maintenance, Health Insurance
$2,500	From:	G8110.22000, Sewer District, Computer Equipment
	To:	G8110.86000, Sewer District, Health Insurance
$2,200	From:	G8110.42100, Sewer District, Telephone
	To:	G8110.86000, Sewer District, Health Insurance
$1,000	From:	G8110.45000-625, Sewer District, Consultants
	To:	G8110.86000, Sewer District, Health Insurance
$1,600	From:	G8110.41000-205, Sewer District, Printing
	To:	G8110.86000, Sewer District, Health Insurance
$260	From:	G8110.10100, Sewer District, Temp Employees
	To:	G8110.86000, Sewer District, Health Insurance
$20,146	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1010.86000, Legislature, Health Insurance
$4,699	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1040.86000, Clerk of the Legislature, Health Insurance
$11,578	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1165.86000, District Attorney, Health Insurance
$16,055	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1325.86000, Treasurer, Health Insurance
$9,782	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1355.86000, Real Property, Health Insurance
$15,647	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1430.86000, Personnel, Health Insurance
$10,735	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A1450.86000, BOE, Health Insurance
$19,821	From:	A1680.44000, IS, Contracted Services
	To:	A3110.86000, Sheriff, Health Insurance
$32,787	From:	A4042.45000, Rabies, Fees for Services
	To:	A3112.86000, SPO/SRO, Health Insurance
$149,924	From:	A4330.44000, Mental Illness, Contracted Services
	To:	A3150.86000, Jail, Health Insurance
$52,817	From:	A4330.44000, Mental Illness, Contracted Services
	To:	A3021.86000, Pub Safety Communication, Health Insurance
$4,847	From:	A1680.40700, IS, Computer Software
	To:	A6031.86000, Public Home, Health Insurance
$6,404	From:	A6014.81000, Child Support, Retirement
	To:	A6510.86000, Veterans, Health Insurance
$1,329	From:	A6014.81000, Child Support, Retirement
	To:	A6610.86000, Weights & Measures, Health Insurance
$75,523	From:	A4330.44000, Mental Illness, Contracted Services
	To:	D5110.86000, Maintenance Division, Health Insurance

Amend in 2024:

A1985.1110, Sales Tax	From:	$38,375,942
	To:	$39,416,134
A1985.44000, Sales Tax, Contracted Services	From:	$11,543,816
	To:	$12,584,008
A1985.1110, Jail	From:	$2,400,000
	To:	$2,680,595.80
A9901.90000, Interfund transfer	From:	$2,853,051
	To:	$3,133,646.80

2025 Transfers:

$3,300	From:	A6014.10000-001, Child Support, Salaries
	To:	A6014.10000-002, Child Support, Overtime.

and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 100 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means awarding bid for vehicle in Weights & Measures was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

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

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

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 100

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR VEHICLE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PURCHASE IN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 18, 2025, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer has advised that one sealed bid was received, opened and read in accordance with law for the purchase of one (1) Chevy Silverado 2500 for the Department of Weights & Measures; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Budget Officer and your Committee that a contract be awarded to the below listed low bidder meeting the minimum specifications for the vehicle and a

sliding rack to be purchased separately and installed at a cost of approximately $2,500; registration will be done free of charge at the Herkimer DMV; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby awards a bid for the purchase of the below listed vehicle for the Department of Weights & Measures:

Steet Ponte Chevrolet 3036 State Route 28 Herkimer, NY 13350	2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500	$56,267.50

and, be it further

RESOLVED, An appropriation of funds will be necessary to complete the transaction as follows:

$58,768	From:	A909, Fund Balance
	To:	A6610.23000, Weights and Measures, Motor Vehicle.

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Weights & Measures, and Steet Ponte Chevrolet.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 101 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means amending Salary Schedule III was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

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

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

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 101

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

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 21, 2025, Jennifer DeMetro, County Clerk, has requested to amend Salary Schedule III to delete one position of Recording Clerk and one position of a Receptionist and create one position of Senior Recording Clerk and one position of Motor Vehicle License Clerk; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 21, 2025, from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, your Committees have been advised that Salary Schedule No. III should be amended to delete one position of Recording Clerk and one position of a Receptionist from Account A1410 and create one position of Senior Recording Clerk, at a 2025 annual base pay rate of $37,253 and one position of Motor Vehicle License Clerk, at a 2025 annual base pay rate of $35,685 in Account A1410, with both positions being 35 hours per week, effective March 17, 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Salary Schedule No. III should be amended to delete one position of Recording Clerk and one position of a Receptionist from Account A1410 and create one position of Senior Recording Clerk, at a 2025 annual base pay rate of $37,253 and one position of Motor Vehicle License Clerk, at a 2025 annual base pay rate of $35,685 in Account A1410, with both positions being 35 hours per week, effective March 17, 2025; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mrs. Wares, Report and Resolution No. 102 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending 2025 Budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 102

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING 2025 BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 18, 2025 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, your Committee is advised that the Herkimer County IDA receives monies from the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), through the County, to provide a revolving loan fund that assists local businesses, with those businesses then making payments to the IDA that are mandated to be sent back to the State, with the County being the lead agency, the funds need to be sent through a General Fund account; and

WHEREAS, said letter further requests to amend the 2025 Budget to adjust for these payments for the remainder of the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Herkimer County Budget is amended as follows:

Revenue Account:	A6420.4789C, IDA, Federal Aid CDGB	From:	$0
		To:	$3,798

Expense Account:	A6420.40100, IDA, Other	From:	$0
		To:	$3,798.

and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Campione, Report and Resolution No. 103 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract with Landbank was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 103

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH HERKIMER COUNTY LANDBANK CORPORATION

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 24, 2025 from James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator, this Legislature is advised of a request to enter into a three year contract with the Herkimer County Landbank Corporation from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 for up to $100,000 per year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this authorizes an agreement between Herkimer County and the Herkimer County Landbank Corporation from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, subject to the approval of the County Attorney and signature of the Herkimer County Chairman, with funding up to $100,000 per year; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Bick, Report and Resolution No. 104 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending Resolution No. 391 of 2024 was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

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

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

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 104

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 391 OF 2024

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 391 of 2024 adopted the hourly salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 3, 2025, Steven Billings, Personnel Officer, requests to amend the hourly salary schedule to add the title of Student Aide (Summer Legislative Employment Program) at an hourly pay rate of $14.50 and the title of Student Aide (College Corps Intern Program) at an hourly pay rate of $17.00; and

WHEREAS, your Committee has taken this matter under advisement and recommends said change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the hourly salary schedule be amended to add the title of Student Aide (Summer Legislative Employment Program) at an hourly pay rate of $14.50 and the title of Student Aide (College Corps Intern Program) at an hourly pay rate of $17.00; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 105 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties authorizing the Herkimer Co. Treasurer to re-commence and/or commence In Rem tax foreclosure proceedings against a parcel and authorizing the commencement of an action to obtain temporary incidents of ownership was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 105

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. 120.25-1-37.1 in the Village of Herkimer was the subject of the In Rem proceedings brought by the County of Herkimer for the tax year 2013; 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 aforementioned premises known as Tax Map Parcel No. 120.25-1-37.1 known as 133 North Main Street, Herkimer, New York, with owner of record of said premises being Supon Chowdhury; and

WHEREAS, in order to gain access to the aforementioned tax 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, 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

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 Village of Herkimer.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Lucenti, Report and Resolution No. 106 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs supporting NY State Correction Officers and calling for the elimination of Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Confinement Act Regulations was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (1). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 106

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE CORRECTION OFFICERS AND CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO LONG-TERM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT (HALT) ACT REGULATIONS

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature recognizes and appreciates the dedication, professionalism and sacrifices of the men and women serving as New York State Correction Officers in ensuring the safety and security of correctional facilities and the general public; and

WHEREAS, correction officers face increasingly dangerous working conditions due to rising incidents of violence and assaults committed by incarcerated individuals, placing both staff and other incarcerated individuals at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement (HALT) Act, enacted by the New York State Legislature, has significantly limited the ability of correction officers to maintain order and discipline within correctional facilities by restricting the use of segregated confinement for violent offenders; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of the HALT Act, correctional facilities across New York State have reported a significant increase in violent attacks against staff and fellow incarcerated individuals, exacerbating the already dangerous environment in these institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Legislature stands in full support of the correction officers who are advocation for safer working conditions, better staffing levels and the repeal of policies that compromise the safety of both officers and incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, the elimination or significant revision of the HALT Act is necessary to restore effective management tools within correctional facilities, ensuring that violent individuals can be appropriately disciplined to prevent further harm; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature formally expresses its support for the correction officers and urges the Governor of New York State, the New York State Legislature and the Department of Corrections and Community and Supervision (DOCCS) to take immediate action to eliminate or substantially reform the HALT Act regulations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Brian Miller, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Joseph A. Griffo, and the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Bick, Report and Resolution No. 107 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing Home Rule Request was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 107

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME RULE REQUEST

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

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly entitled, "AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the period during which the County of Herkimer is authorized to impose additional sales and compensating use taxes"

In the Assembly A.6521
In the Senate S.5606

and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to make a Home Rule Request pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby authorizes that a Home Rule Request be made, pursuant to Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, by the appropriate county officers and filed as required by said statute with the New York State Legislature.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 108 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing Home Rule Request was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 108

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME RULE REQUEST

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

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly entitled, "AN ACT to amend chapter 549 of the laws of 2005 amending the tax law relating to authorizing the County of Herkimer to impose a county recording tax on obligation secured by a mortgage on real property, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof"

In the Assembly	A.6531
In the Senate	S.5607

and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to make a Home Rule Request pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby authorizes that a Home Rule Request be made, pursuant to Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, by the appropriate county officers and filed as required by said statute with the New York State Legislature.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Malta, Report and Resolution No. 109 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means creating a reserve account for opioid funds was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 109

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CREATING A RESERVE ACCOUNT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 3, 2025, from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that Herkimer County is a recipient of funding in the opioid settlement with said funding to be used to combat the opioid crisis through the Office of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises that it is necessary to create a reserve account, A889-MH, MH Opioid Reserve, to move the unspent monies to at the end of the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a reserve account, A889-MH, MH Opioid Reserve, is created; and, be it further

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

Dated: March 12, 2025.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 110 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing Home Rule Request was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (15). Against: None. Absent: Brewer, Keeler (2).

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 110

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME RULE REQUEST

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

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly entitled, "AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing an occupancy tax in the County of Herkimer"

In the Assembly A.5577
In the Senate S.4887

and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to make a Home Rule Request pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby authorizes that a Home Rule Request be made, pursuant to Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, by the appropriate county officers and filed as required by said statute with the New York State Legislature.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

Chairman Hollum stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by Legislators. There were no comments.

At 7:21 p.m. on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Hollum, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Jennifer L. Williams, Deputy Clerk