

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means  
Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 28, 2025  
Legislature Chambers  
Following Human Resources and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Gregory Malta, Sr. (committee member, both)  
William Weakley (committee member, both)  
John Brewer (Public Safety committee member)  
Anthony J. Lucenti (Public Safety committee member)  
Kelly Wares (Public Safety committee member)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (Chairman, Ways & Means)  
Mark Gaworecki, (committee member, both)  
Don Haehl (Ways & Means committee member)  
Peter J. Campione, Chairman of the Legislature  
James Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Brandy Serow, Secretary to Co. Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Mike Scalise, Director of Probation  
Scott Scherer, Sheriff  
John Lynch, STOP-DWI Coordinator  
**(Non Committee Members Signed In)**  
Legislator Robert J. Schrader  
Legislator Bob Hollum  
Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett  
Legislator William Keeler, Sr.  
Legislator John L. Brezinski  
Legislator Michael Bick

**Absent:**

Ray Donley (Chairman, Public Safety, Ways & Means committee member)

Mr. Malta called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

**Items Discussed:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

1. Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board
2. Other

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:**

3. Approve SRO for Herkimer Central School in Sheriff's Office
4. Approve STOP-DWI Plan for 2026
5. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Wares for Public Safety & Emergency Management, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #2 – N/A.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:**

Item #3 - On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Malta for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Campione for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Campione for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #5 – N/A.

At 10:33 a.m., on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mrs. Wares for the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee, the committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.