

**Herkimer County Legislature
Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Legislature Chambers
Following Human Resources and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

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

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

Scott Scherer, Sheriff

Albert Moxham, Director of Emergency Services

Jeff Carpenter, District Attorney

Michael Scalise, Probation Director

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Robert J. Schrader

Legislator Bob Hollum

Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett

Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.

Legislator John L. Brezinski

Legislator Michael Bick

Legislator Rodney Swartz

Absent:

N/A.

Mr. Donley called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Items Discussed:

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Approve monthly reports of the Sheriff – September and October 2025
2. Approve appointments to Fire Advisory Board
3. Other

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:

4. Approve grant extension and authorize Chairman to e-sign State Interoperable Communications Grant FY20 in Emergency Services
5. Approve grant extension and authorize Chairman to e-sign State Interoperable Communications Grant FY21 in Emergency Services
6. Approve grant extension and authorize Chairman to e-sign State Interoperable Communications Grant FY23 in Emergency Services
7. Award bids and appropriate funds for vehicles in District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department
8. Authorizing renewal of contract for Forensic Toxicology Services with NMS Labs
9. Appropriate funds and authorize payment for deductible

10. Accept funding, amend budget, create project and authorize e-signature for the Pretrial Services grant in Probation
11. Other

Committee Vote Record:

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta for Public Safety & Emergency Management, Item #1 was voted on and approved. Unanimous.

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mrs. Wares for Public Safety & Emergency Management, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #3 – N/A.

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:

Item #4 - On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #5 - On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #6 – On motion of Mrs. Wares, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #8 - On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Weakley the Public Safety & Emergency Management Committee voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. The Ways & Means Committee placed a hold on Item #8.

Item #9 - On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Ways & Means, Item #9 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Public Safety & Emergency Management: Yes: Donley, Malta, Weakley, Lucenti, Wares, Campione (6). No: (0). Abstain: Brewer (1). Ways & Means: Yes: Ackerman, Donley, Weakley, Gaworecki, Malta, Haehl, Campione (7). No (0).

Item #10 - On motion of Mr. Lucenti, seconded by Mr. Weakley for Public Safety & Emergency Management, and on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Ways & Means, Item #10 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #11 – N/A.

At 10:49 a.m., on motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Brewer for the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee, the committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.