HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
7:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. – Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law D of 2026
6:17 p.m. – Public Hearing – Sewer District Assessment Roll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Moment of Silence in Recognition of All Veterans, Past and Present
ROLL CALL

Communications:

391	Solid Waste Authority – Submitting 2027 Budget	FILE
392	Sewer District – Submitting update on plant upgrades	FILE
393	Town of Herkimer – Submitting Notice of Coordinated Environmental Review	FILE
394	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting approval of proposal for guiderails and sign bollards at EV charging stations at HCCC	EDUCATION WAYS & MEANS
395	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting approval for traffic study	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
396	Director of Information Services – Requesting approval to consolidate WMS into Information Services Department	INFO. SVCS. WAYS & MEANS
397	Maintenance Supervisor – Requesting to create position	CO. PROPERTIES WAYS & MEANS
398	County Attorney – Requesting discussion for appraisal of County owned property	CO. PROPERTIES WAYS & MEANS
399	County Administrator – Requesting to establish the Part Time Salary Schedule for the year 2027	WAYS & MEANS
400	Personnel Officer – Requesting changes for on-call time in the District Attorney's office	PUB. SFTY./ EMER. MGMT. WAYS & MEANS
401	Dir. of Real Property Tax Services – Submitting Equalization Rates	WAYS & MEANS
402	County Clerk – Submitting Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report	WAYS & MEANS
403	County Treasurer – Submitting Apportionment of Mortgage Tax	WAYS & MEANS
404	Personnel Officer – Requesting a contract for health insurance Stop-Loss Coverage	WAYS & MEANS

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405	County Treasurer – Requesting amendment to resolution to reflect start date	WAYS & MEANS
406	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting authorization for preparation of tentative copies of budget	WAYS & MEANS
407	Director of Community Services – Requesting renewal of contract	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
408	Highway Superintendent – Requesting increase to estimated expenditure for 2026/2027 season	HIGHWAYS WAYS & MEANS
409	Sewer District – Submitting Resolution for user rate increase	NAT. RESOURCES WAYS & MEANS
410	Personnel Officer – Requesting authorization to execute contract with Benefit Resource, Inc. for administration of a Health Reimbursement Account Plan	WAYS & MEANS
411	Director of Community Services – Requesting to amend contract due to an increase in state funding	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
412	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting amendment to budget to accept funding and authorize pass through	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
413	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting to amend Capital Budget in connection with HCCC funding	EDUCATION WAYS & MEANS
414	Director, Office for the Aging – Requesting amendment to contract in connection with Farmers Market coupons	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
415	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting to amend contract with In Architects to increase contract amount	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
416	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting an appropriation of funds in connection with an upgrade to equipment at the correctional facility	PUB. SFTY./ EMER. MGMT. WAYS & MEANS
417	Director of Public Health – Requesting to amend contract with JC Logistics	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
418	Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent – Requesting renewal of Insurance Coverages for Herkimer County for 2027	WAYS & MEANS
419	Director of Public Health – Requesting approval to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS

420	Director of Information Services – Requesting to enter into an agreement with SUNY Poly	INFO. SVCS. WAYS & MEANS
421	Personnel Officer – Requesting an amendment to the hourly salary schedule	WAYS & MEANS
422	Personnel Officer – Requesting an MOA with UPSEU	WAYS & MEANS
423	Director of Community Services – Requesting to enter into agreements with three staff members in connection with awards	HUMAN RES. WAYS & MEANS
424	Sewer District – Submitting Resolution to standardize the quarterly billing rate for well users	NAT. RESOURCES WAYS & MEANS
425	IDA – Requesting Temporary Incidents of Ownership	CO. PROPERTIES
426	Herkimer County Land Bank Director – Requesting cancellation of taxes on parcel	WAYS & MEANS

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307	WAYS & MEANS: Accepting tentative budget and fixing time and place for public hearing	VOICE
308	WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing preparation of tentative copies of budget	VOICE
309	WAYS & MEANS: Amending Resolution No. 265 of 2026 in the Treasurer's Dept.	VOICE
310	WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing insurance coverages	VOICE
311	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Amending contract in Office for the Aging	VOICE
312	EDUCATION, WAYS & MEANS: Amending capital budget in connection with donation at Herkimer County Community College	VOICE
313	WAYS & MEANS: Concerning stop-loss coverage	VOICE
314	WAYS & MEANS: Concerning services under Health Reimbursement Account Plan	VOICE
315	HIGHWAYS, WAYS & MEANS: For amendment to an agreement for Snow and Ice Control with State of New York	VOICE
316	PUB. SFTY./EMER. MGMT., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing changes to compensation for on-call time in the District Attorney's Office	ROLL CALL

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317	WAYS & MEANS: Approving Equalization Rates for 2026	VOICE
318	NAT. RESOURCES, WAYS & MEANS: Adopting assessment roll of Herkimer County Sewer District	ROLL CALL
319	NAT. RESOURCES, WAYS & MEANS: Approving Sewer District Resolution concerning Sewer User Rate Increase	ROLL CALL
320	NAT. RESOURCES, WAYS & MEANS: Approving Sewer District Resolution to standardize quarterly billing rate	ROLL CALL
321	INFO. SVCS., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing agreement between Information Services and SUNY Poly	VOICE
322	PUB. SFTY./EMER. MGMT., WAYS & MEANS: Approving purchase for Sheriff's Department and appropriating funds	ROLL CALL
323	WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU	ROLL CALL
324	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Renewing contract for billing service for Herkimer County Mental Health	VOICE
325	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Amending contract for Herkimer County Mental Health Services	VOICE
326	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Accepting funding, authorizing pass through funding, and amending 2026 Budget	VOICE
327	WAYS & MEANS: Amending Resolution No. 357 of 2025	ROLL CALL
328	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing agreements with staff members in Herkimer County Mental Health	VOICE
329	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Amending contract for architectural and engineering services	VOICE
330	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Amending contract in connection with Preschool Special Education Transportation	VOICE
331	HUMAN RES., WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing contract in the Public Health Dept.	VOICE
332	CO. PROPERTIES: Temporary Incidents of Ownership	ROLL CALL
333	WAYS & MEANS: Relating to cancellation of taxes on a property acquired by the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation	VOICE

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334	WAYS & MEANS: Apportioning mortgage tax	VOICE
335	WAYS & MEANS: Adjusting wages for hourly employees	ROLL CALL
336	WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Salary Schedules for the year 2027	ROLL CALL
337	WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Introductory Local Law D for 2026	ROLL CALL

Adjourn to Wednesday, December 16, 2026
at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – 2027 Budget at 6:15 p.m.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 307

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET AND FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, which was the Committee designated to review the tentative budget for the year 2027 pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the County Law, respectfully reports that there was transmitted to the Chairman of said Committee by the Clerk, a copy of the tentative budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer accepts the tentative budget for the year 2027 as filed, and the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause a notice to be published stating the time and place and purpose of a public hearing on the tentative budget as filed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that such public hearing shall be held in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building in the Village of Herkimer, County of Herkimer, State of New York, on the 16th day of December, 2026 at 6:15 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 359 of the County Law.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 308

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF TENTATIVE COPIES OF BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLVED, that the Budget Officer of the County of Herkimer prepare up to seventy-five (75) copies of the tentative budget for the County Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ways and Means of this Legislature is hereby designated as the Committee to review the tentative budget pursuant to the provisions of Section 357 of the County Law of the State of New York.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 309

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 265 OF 2026 IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2026, the Ways & Means Committee approved a contract with a consulting firm, The Answer Consulting and Bookkeeping LLC, 6 Beech St., Cooperstown, NY 13326 at an hourly rate of $100, up to a total of $12,000 after the completion and acceptance of the Annual Financial Report by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 163 of 2026 extended the agreement for an additional 150 hours at $100 per hour, and Resolution No. 265 of 2026 approved a monthly agreement for necessary assistance with financial operations and accounting; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 22, 2026 from Kimberlee A. Enea, County Treasurer, she has requested an amendment to Resolution No. 265 of 2026 to reflect an effective date of August 1, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves the amendment to Resolution No. 265 of 2026 to reflect an effective date of August 1, 2026 with The Answer Consulting and Bookkeeping LLC, for necessary assistance with financial operations and accounting in the Treasurer's Department, 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 The Answer Consulting and Bookkeeping LLC.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 310

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSURANCE COVERAGES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, this Legislature is informed by communication from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, dated October 31, 2026, of a request that certain policies for insurance coverages be approved for the year beginning December 9, 2026 through December 9, 2027, that an overall increase in premiums is noted, and that the totals for each Agency will not exceed the amount listed; and

WHEREAS, sufficient monies are available to cover said expense; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that policies of insurance beginning December 9, 2026, are authorized by this Legislature as follows:

NYMIR
c/o Mang/NBT Insurance Agency
56 North Main Street
Gloversville, NY 12078

COVERAGE	2027 PREMIUM
Property	$159,024.00
Boiler & Machinery	$ 27,691.00
General Liability	$105,517.00
OCP	$ 275.00
Auto	$128,765.00
Public Officials Liability	$ 34,499.00
Law Enforcement Liability	$ 60,980.00
Inland Marine	$ 36,260.00
Healthcare Gen. & Professional Liability	$ 59,540.00
Excess Catastrophe Liability	$ 67,563.00
Excess Employers Liability	$ 7,294.00
Fire Fee	$ 608.84
Motor Vehicle Fee	$ 1,510.00
Crime Insurance	$ 6,393.00
NYMIR Total-	**$695,919.84**

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature be and he hereby is, authorized to execute any documents on behalf of the County of Herkimer in order to purchase said insurance coverages; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 311

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT IN OFFICE FOR THE AGING

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 160 of 2026 approved a contract with Juliano Farms in the amount of $10,000 to utilize Unmet Needs funding to provide additional Farmers Market Coupons to individuals 60 years or older and are within the income guidelines set by the USDA; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated November 2, 2026 from Kathy L. Fox, Director of the Office for the Aging, she has requested to amend the contract with Juliano Farms to increase the amount from $10,000 to $16,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves an amendment to the contract with Juliano Farms for the period of June 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, to increase the amount to $16,000; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 312

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CAPITAL BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH DONATION AT HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sponsored by: Committee on Education
Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 30, 2026, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, has advised that Herkimer County Community College has received a donation from First Source Federal Credit Union to support the renovation and upgrades to the athletic training room facility, with the total contribution at $76,506.43, to be paid over a three year period at $25,502 per year; and

WHEREAS, said letter also advises that the Herkimer County College Foundation has agreed to front the total amount to allow for equipment and necessary work to be completed so the expense can be included in the project and receive the SUNY match and requests an amendment to the Capital Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Capital Budget be amended as follows:

Increase:	
H0000001 430970, Gen. Gov. Cap.	$153,012.86
H2500000 544000, HCCC Locker Room	$137,558.56
H2502000 544000, HCCC Training Room	$15,454.30

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, President of Herkimer County Community College, and Chief of Staff and Director of Operations at Herkimer County Community College.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 313

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING STOP-LOSS COVERAGE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 23, 2026 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, this Legislature is advised and your Committee has determined that stop-loss insurance coverage for the County's health insurance plans for 2027 would best be provided by Excellus Health Plan, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a contract be entered into with Excellus Health Plan, Inc., 301 Wood Park Drive, Clinton, NY 13323, for health insurance stop-loss coverage for the County of Herkimer for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 at a quoted annual premium of $78.80 per participant per month for specific coverage, with an annual deductible of $350,000, and individual deductibles of $600,000 on Member #000000926607, and $550,000 on Member #000010484264; 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; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 314

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING SERVICES UNDER HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT PLAN

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2026, Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, advises that it is the recommendation of your Committee that a contract for the period commencing January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028, be entered into with Benefit Resource, Inc. for the administration of a Health Reimbursement Account Plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 105(h); and

WHEREAS, the Health Reimbursement Account is available to county employees who opt for health insurance under the Excellus-Healthy Choices Plan and can be used to reimburse a portion of employees' out-of-pocket medical expenses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a contract be entered into with Benefit Resource, Inc., 245 Kenneth Drive, Rochester, NY 14623-4277, for January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028 to provide services in the area of administration of a Health Reimbursement Account Plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 105(h), at a cost of $4.25 per month per participant, with an annual compliance administration fee of $420.00, with the terms and conditions of said contract to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; 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; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 315

REPORT AND RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL WITH STATE OF NEW YORK

Sponsored by: Committee on Highways
Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, the County of Herkimer, pursuant to Section 12 of the Highway Law relating to plowing snow and to control snow and ice on state highways in the towns and incorporated villages of the County, has heretofore entered into an agreement dated July 1, 1974, with the State of New York for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 349, adopted on October 23, 2024, the County of Herkimer authorized and approved an extension of said Snow and Ice Control Agreement for a period of five years, mandating performance by the County to control snow and ice on State highways within Herkimer County during the 2024-2029 season; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 8, 2026 from Mark A. Nagele, County Highway Superintendent, he has forwarded an amendment to that agreement to include an increase of $510,958.18, giving a new gross amount of $2,054,229.29 for the 2026-2027 season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute this Amendment to the above Agreement for the 2026-2027 snow season; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Superintendent of Highways, and New York State Department of Transportation.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 316

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO COMPENSATION FOR ON CALL TIME IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 438 of 2023 set compensation for on-call time in the District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 20, 2026 from Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer, your Committees have been advised that beginning January 2, 2027, each week one Attorney in the District Attorney's Office will work a weekly on-call schedule from Saturday through Friday and be paid a flat $500 for all the non-work hours during this Saturday through Friday schedule, with the $200 for reporting to one or more scenes to remain as is; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that each week one Attorney in the District Attorney's Office will work a weekly on-call schedule from Saturday through Friday and be paid a flat $500 for all the non-work hours during this Saturday through Friday schedule, with the $200 for reporting to one or more scenes to remain as is, effective January 2, 2027; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 317

REPORT AND RESOLUTION FIXING PERCENTAGES WHICH THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY BEAR TO THE FULL OR TRUE VALUATION OF THE VARIOUS TOWNS OF THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the communication from the Director of Real Property Tax Services, submitting the State Board established Herkimer County Equalization Rates to be used in the apportionment of the 2027 Tax Levy pursuant to Title 2 of Article 8 of the Real Property Tax Law, do respectfully report that we have examined said report and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Title 2 of Article 8 of the Real Property Tax Law the ratio of percentage which the assessed valuation of real property in each district bears to its full value is hereby established as follows:

County Equalization Rates for the 2026 Assessment Rolls
for Municipalities in the County of Herkimer

City of Little Falls	10.50
Town of Columbia	49.26
Town of Danube	58.72
Town of Fairfield	48.00
Town of Frankfort	42.23
Town of German Flatts	45.50
Town of Herkimer	49.00
Town of Litchfield	49.26
Town of Little Falls	50.20
Town of Manheim	47.00
Town of Newport	54.00
Town of Norway	39.00
Town of Ohio	57.00
Town of Russia	64.00
Town of Salisbury	100.00
Town of Schuyler	51.00
Town of Stark	39.00
Town of Warren	41.50
Town of Webb	90.85
Town of Winfield	49.26

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Director of Real Property Tax Services and each town and the City of Little Falls.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 318

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT ROLL OF HERKIMER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT

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

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

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Budget Officer has transmitted the said assessment roll with the tentative budget of the Herkimer County Sewer District for the year 2027 to the Clerk of the Herkimer County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 286 adopted on October 28, 2026, the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer has provided for a public hearing on the said Sewer District Assessment Roll for November 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing has now been held pursuant to said notice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Herkimer County Legislature hereby affirms and adopts the Assessment Roll to be used in the year 2027 as submitted by the Herkimer County Sewer District pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law;

2. That there shall be, and hereby is, levied and assessed the sum apportioned to each such lot or parcel of land within the boundaries of said Herkimer County Sewer District, at the time and in the manner provided by law for the levy of state, county and town taxes;

3. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer and Herkimer County Sewer District.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 319

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION CONCERNING SEWER USER RATE INCREASE

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 22, 2026, this Legislature is advised that by action on October 21, 2026, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a resolution approving an increase to the per-gallon user rate/sewer rent from $4.10 per unit (one thousand gallons) to $4.20 per unit (one thousand gallons) effective January 1, 2027; and

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

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves a resolution duly adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board on October 21, 2026, approving an increase to the per-gallon user rate/sewer rent from $4.10 per unit (one thousand gallons) to $4.20 per unit (one thousand gallons); and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 320

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO STANDARDIZE QUARTERLY BILLING RATE

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 22, 2026, this Legislature is advised that by action on October 21, 2026, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a resolution approving to standardize the quarterly billing rate for all well users located within the Herkimer County Sewer District to 6,000 gallons per person per household effective January 1, 2027; and

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

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves a resolution duly adopted by the Herkimer County Sewer District Board on October 21, 2026, to standardize the quarterly billing rate for all well users located within the Herkimer County Sewer District to 6,000 gallons per person per household effective January 1, 2027; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 321

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN INFORMATION SERVICES AND SUNY POLY

Sponsored by: Committee on Information Services
Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 30, 2026 from Codey Blowers, Director of Information Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to enter into an agreement, for a period of two years with SUNY Polytechnic Institute's AI Exploration (AIX) Center through its Office of Research Industry/Community Academic Collaborations program; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises the agreement will focus on developing a secure, responsible, and reliable framework for implementing artificial intelligence (AI) within County operations, upon completion the County will have an operation AI harness that serves as a foundational framework for integrating AI capabilities across various County systems and departments; and

WHEREAS, as part of the agreement the County will provide an in-kind contribution of existing staff time for project coordination, planning, system integration, and testing, with no grant funds being used for County salaries and staff contributions will be documented in accordance with grant requirements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Herkimer, with said agreement 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 Information Services, and SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 322

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 27, 2026, Scott F. Scherer, Sheriff, has requested approval to upgrade equipment essential to the operation of the Black Creek Integrated Security System, at a cost of $262,164; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 30, 2026, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to appropriate funds to complete the purchase; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that funds have been verified and are available for this appropriation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that an appropriation be made as follows:

$262,164	From:	A0000000 300909, Fund Balance
	To:	A3150000 522000, Jail, Computer Equipment

and, be it further

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

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 323

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH UPSEU

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 282 of 2026, this Legislature ratified an agreement between the County of Herkimer and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU), for the period January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated November 6, 2026, from Steve Billings, Personnel Officer, this Legislature is advised of a request to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU regarding going to 12 hour shifts for certain sworn personnel in the correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, your Committee has considered said request and recommend said change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU regarding going to 12 hour shifts for certain sworn personnel in the correctional facility; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 324

REPORT AND RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT FOR BILLING SERVICE FOR HERKIMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 25, 2026 from Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to renew a contract with Azalea Health, 6 Concourse Parkway 2250, Atlanta, GA, 30328, for medical billing services to insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, the contract would include compensation of $9.50 per encounter of service billed for Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care and 7.5% of collections received for all other payers, and Azalea Health RCM revenue service recovery will be applicable for service dates prior to and after the date of the agreement, with a term of December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2027; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature be and he hereby is, authorized to execute a contract with Azalea Health, 6 Concourse Parkway 2250, Atlanta, GA, 30328, for medical billing services to insurance companies for Herkimer County Mental Health Services at a cost of $9.50 per encounter of service billed for Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care and 7.5% of collections received for all other payers, and Azalea Health RCM revenue service recovery will be applicable for service dates prior to and after the date of the agreement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement shall 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 Information Services, Director of Community Services, and Azalea Health.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 325

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT FOR HERKIMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 400 of 2025 authorized contracts for Herkimer County Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 250 of 2026 amended contracts due to increases in State funding; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2026 from Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to amend a contract due to an increase in state funding; and

WHEREAS, said contract shall be supported at the 100% state aid level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an amended contract with the following agency to provide services to Herkimer County Mental Health Services:

1. Upstate Cerebral Palsy Association
   125 Business Park Drive
   Utica, NY 13502
   From $760,525 to $826,088

and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 326

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING, AUTHORIZING PASS THROUGH FUNDING AND AMENDING 2026 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 29, 2026, from Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, this Legislature is advised that Herkimer County is a recipient of funding from the OASAS Opioid Settlement funding, in the amount of $154,887, for fiscal year 2027; and

WHEREAS, letter further requests to authorize the payment of $7,191 in pass-through opioid funds to the Village of Herkimer, 120 Green Street, Herkimer, NY 13350; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 30, 2026 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the 2026 Budget, and accept the funding; now, therefore, be it

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

A4320000 427350, MH, Opioid Funds	From:	$104,887
	To:	$259,774
A4320000 544999, MH, Opioid, Contracted	From:	$104,887
	To:	$259,774

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to make a payment of $7,191 in pass-through opioid funds to the Village of Herkimer; 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: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 327

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 357 OF 2025

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 357 of 2025 adopted the hourly salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 26, 2026, Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, has requested to amend the hourly salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated November 6, 2026, Steven Billings, Personnel Officer, requests to amend the hourly salary schedule to increase the hourly rate for the title of Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from $81.52 per hour to $100.00 per hour, effective November 23, 2026; 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 increase the hourly rate for the title of Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from $81.52 per hour to $100.00 per hour, effective November 23, 2026; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 328

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH STAFF MEMBERS IN HERKIMER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 26, 2026 from Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services, this Legislature is advised that three staff members applied for and were awarded funding from the Office of Mental Health through their Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program (CMHLRP) Awards; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises that the Office of Mental Health funding is $26,250 and will be dispersed throughout three years and requests to enter into agreements with the three staff members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to authorize agreements with three staff members in connection with the receipt of the above funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreements shall 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 Director of Community Services.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 329

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 152 of 2024, approved a contract for architectural and engineering services for the construction of a children's center; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 30, 2026 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/ Purchasing Agent, she has requested an amendment to the original contract with in-Architects, 239 East Water Street, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202 to increase the original contract amount from $446,000 to $544,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the original contract with in-Architects, is hereby amended to increase the original contract amount from $446,000 to $522,000; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Public Health, Commissioner of Social Services, County Administrator, and in-Architects.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 330

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 216 of 2024 approved a contract with JC Logistics for the operation of Preschool Special Education transportation, at a cost of $624,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 342 of 2025 amended that contract for an increased cost of $638,352 per year, for the term of 12/1/25 through 11/30/26; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 26, 2026, Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, she has requested an amendment to the existing contract with JC Logistics, Frankfort, NY to extend the term through November 30, 2030 with the option to extend the contract for an additional two-year period, and establish an annual rate adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract with JC Logistics, is amended to extend the term through November 30, 2030 with the option to extend the contract for an additional two-year period, and establish an annual rate adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract with JC Logistics, for said services, with the terms and conditions of 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 Public Health, and JC Logistics.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 331

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 26, 2026 from Christina Cain, Director of Public Health, she has requested to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, through its RISE Recovery Services Program, for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $301,459, with the contract to be supported through funding provided by the New York State Unified Court System; and

WHEREAS, said letter further advises that this agreement is to expand access to peer recovery support and transportation services for individuals involved in the court system who are experiencing substance use-related challenges, with these services intended to reduce barriers to treatment, improve engagement in recovery services, and strengthen connections between the courts and community-based resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this authorizes a contract agreement with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, 61 West Street, Ilion, New York, through its RISE Recovery Services Program, for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $301,459, with the contract to be supported through funding provided by the New York State Unified Court System; 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 certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Public Health, and Catholic Charities of Herkimer County.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 332

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 THREE PARCELS 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 Parcels Nos. 120.40-2-60, 120.40-2-61 and 120.40-2-30 in the Town of German Flatts were subjects of In Rem proceedings brought by the County of Herkimer for the tax year 2023; 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 three parcels 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 ownership pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 56 of the following parcels:

TOWN	ADDRESS	OWNER	TAX MAP PARCEL #
German Flatts	1 Fulton Street	Mohawk Homestead	120.40-2-60
German Flatts	62 East Main Street	Mohawk Homestead	120.40-2-61
German Flatts	9 Fulton Street	Mohawk Homestead	120.40-2-30

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 333

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

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a letter from Michael Edwards, Herkimer County Land Bank dated September 12, 2026, with account attached thereto, requests cancellation of real property taxes of a certain property acquired by the Herkimer County Land Bank Corporation [hereafter "Land Bank"]; and

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

WHEREAS, real property at 770 White Creek Road in the Town of Newport known as Tax Map Parcel No. 094.1-1-73 was transferred from the County of Herkimer to the Land Bank on May 5, 2026 by Deed recorded at RP2026-2031; and

WHEREAS, the premises were subsequently conveyed on May 5, 2026 by Deed recorded at RP2026-2032 to an adjoining property owner subject to a development enforcement agreement with the understanding that outstanding back taxes were forgiven; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED that the Herkimer County Property Agent is authorized to issue and file a Certificate of Cancellation of said taxes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the above premises be placed back on the tax rolls as of January 1, 2027; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

TOWN	CANCELLED TAXES	REJECTED TAXES	TOTAL	TOWN PORTION FOR LEVY
TOWN OF NEWPORT	$8,731.03		$8,731.03	0.00

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 334

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPORTIONING MORTGAGE TAX

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the report of the Recording Officer and County Treasurer showing the amounts received from the mortgage taxes, respectfully reports that we have examined the report containing the list of mortgages as kept by the Herkimer County Clerk, and herewith submit the following report showing the apportionment to the several towns, villages and the City in the County. Your Committee recommends that the Herkimer County Treasurer be authorized to draw warrants payable to the Supervisors of the several towns and to the City of Little Falls, and to the Treasurers of the incorporated villages in an amount apportioned as indicated on the tabulated statement recommended by the Committee herewith, and your Committee offers the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to draw warrants payable to the Supervisors of the several towns in Herkimer County and to the Treasurer of the City of Little Falls and the Treasurers of the incorporated villages in the County of Herkimer entitled to a portion thereof, in the amounts of mortgage taxes apportioned respectively, and that a certified copy of the Resolution be served by the Clerk of this Legislature on the Herkimer County Treasurer.

Dated: November 18, 2026.

KIMBERLEE A. ENEA
Herkimer County Treasurer
Pamela Dovi, Deputy Treasurer

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APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX
APRIL 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

TOWNS	TOTAL TAX RECEIVED	TOWN SHARE	INCLUDING VILLAGES	VILLAGE SHARE
COLUMBIA	21,765.43	21765.43		
DANUBE	9437.81	9437.81		
FAIRFIELD	9,887.67	9168.63	MIDDLEVILLE	719.04
FRANKFORT	97894.03	87589.81	FRANKFORT	10127.03
			ILION	177.19
GERMAN FLATTS	84044.41	54013.23	ILION	22280.59
			MOHAWK	7750.59
HERKIMER	64165.87	44080.15	HERKIMER	20085.72
LITCHFIELD	16536.22	16536.22		
C/O LITTLE FALLS	32013.4	32013.4		
T/O LITTLE FALLS	18691.8	18691.8		
MANHEIM	27270.52	22758.05	DOLGEVILLE	4512.47
NEWPORT	15628.58	13500.96	MIDDLEVILLE	316.05
			NEWPORT	1561.77
			POLAND	249.8
NORWAY	6690.95	6690.95		
OHIO	11657.77	11657.77		
RUSSIA	21094.26	19672.11	COLD BROOK	511.56
			POLAND	910.59
SALISBURY	18058.53	18058.53		
SCHUYLER	17974.02	17974.02		
STARK	4231.84	4231.84		
WARREN	9071.82	9071.82		
WEBB	77134.94	77134.94		
WINFIELD	15005.28	1861.4	WEST WINFIELD	13143.88
	578,255.15	**495908.87**		**82346.28**

Herkimer County Treasurer $619.09

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 335

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADJUSTING WAGES FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 30, 2026 from Alvin H. Montana II, County Administrator, this Legislature is advised that adjustments must be made to the salaries for the year 2027 for certain employees of the County in various departments who are paid on an hourly basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the wages of all employees of the County of Herkimer paid pursuant to the hourly scale for graded employees be and hereby are, established for the year 2027 as follows:

Grade	Hourly Wage 2027
1	15.00
2	15.50
3	16.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following rates are hereby established for the following positions for the year 2026:

Title	2027 Rate
P/T Motor Vehicle License Clerk	$18.00/hr.
P/T Account Clerk (A4010)	$16.00/hr.
P/T Clerk (A3110)	$16.00/hr.
Polling Site Auditing (Board of Elections)	$16.00/hr.
Voting Machine Technician (Board of Elections)	$25.00/hr.
P/T Account Clerk (A4320)	$17.24/hr.
P/T Public Safety Telecommunicator (<5 years' exp.)	$20.00/hr.
P/T Public Safety Telecommunicator (5 or greater years' exp.)	$22.00/hr.
P/T Registered Professional Nurses	$33.42/hr.
P/T Recording Clerk (19 ½ hours/week)	$18.00/hr.
Hearing Officer	$16.00/hr.
Nurse Practitioner	$59.70/hr.

Title	2027 Rate
P/T Psychiatric Social Worker	$41.38/hr.
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	$100.00/hr.
Account Clerk (Treasurer's Office)	$17.76/hr.
P/T Clerk (BOE)	$16.00/hr.
P/T CPS Senior Caseworker	$33.11/hr.
Poll Worker training sessions	$40.00/session
Aging Services Aide (Van Driver, Companion Homemaker)	$18.50/hr.
Aging Services Aide (Meals on Wheels Driver)	$16.00/hr.
Food Service Helper	$16.25/hr.
HEAP Examiner	$18.50/hr.
P/T Clerk (A1410)	$16.00/hr.
Sr. Community Health Nurse	$33.42/hr.
Licensed Practical Nurse (A3150)	$29.60/hr.
Poll Worker (Primary/General/Early Voting/Voter Registration)	$16.00/hr.
Registered Professional Nurse (A3150)	$38.22/hr.
Correctional Services Coordinator	$21.66/hr.
Motor Equipment Operator (small)	$20.58/hr.
Motor Equipment Operator (large)	$22.97/hr.
Laborer	$18.76/hr.
Heavy Equipment Operator	$24.15/hr.
Automotive Mechanic	$25.46/hr.
Caseworker	$30.70/hr.

and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 336

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SALARY SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR 2027

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

Your Committee on Ways and Means respectfully reports the following Salary Schedule for the year 2027:

We recommend that the County officers and employees be paid equal bi-weekly installments on Thursday, or as near thereto as holidays and other conditions permit, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Herkimer County Legislature and the Herkimer County Personnel Civil Service Rules. These salary schedules reflect salaries for personnel as follows:

Salary Schedule No. 1 - 2027 Legislators and Department Heads

Salary Schedule No. 2 - 2027 Officers & Non-Union

Salary Schedule No. 3 - 2027 CSEA

Salary Schedule No. 4 - 2027 Highway

Salary Schedule No. 5 - 2027 Deputy Sheriffs

Salary Schedule No. 6 - 2027 Attorneys

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Ways and Means as set forth above be, and they hereby are adopted; and, be it further

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 337

RESOLUTION ADOPTING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW D FOR 2026

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, your Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs of the Herkimer County Legislature desires to report that on the 18th day of November, 2026 pursuant to Resolution No. 285, they held a public hearing on the adoption of Introductory Local Law D for 2026 entitled, "A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF KRATOM AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING KRATOM IN THE COUNTY OF HERKIMER" and that there were (no) appearances and (no) objections at the said public hearing; that your Committee advises the adoption and enactment of the said Introductory Local Law and offers the following Resolution:

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

Dated: November 18, 2026.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW D - 2026

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 - 2026

A LOCAL LAW TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF KRATOM AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING KRATOM IN THE COUNTY OF HERKIMER

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

Section 1. Title & Statement of Intent.

This local law shall be known as the "Herkimer County Kratom Consumer Protection Act."

The Herkimer County Legislature finds that the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined that Kratom and its derivatives pose threats to public health and have the potential to be abused. The FDA warned consumers not to use Kratom because of the risk of serios health risks, including but not limited to liver toxicity, seizures, and substance abuse disorders. Accordingly, the FDA issued an alert on all dietary supplements and bulk dietary ingredients that contain Kratom or mitragyna speciosa.

The County Legislature further finds that mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH)m the primary active alkaloids in Mitragyna Speciosa (commonly known as Kratom) produce opioid-like effects and can cause dependence and withdrawal symptoms in users and that long-term use of Kratom has significant negative health effects.

The County Legislature finds that to protect the health and safety of its residents, Kratom and products containing Kratom should not be sold in Herkimer County.

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in the local law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

"**Kratom**: shall mean any part of the plant mitragyna speciosa, and parts thereof and the products derived from its leaves that are marked as herbal or supplements, and/or the plant's active chemical extract, mitragtnine, also known as biak-biak, cratom, gratom, ithang, kakuam, katawan, keedemba, ketum, krathom, kron, madat, Maeng, da leaf, nauclea, Nauclea Speciosa, or than, and derivative 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), whether growing or not, and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation thereof.

"**Minor**" shall mean any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years.

"**Person**" shall mean any individual, company, partnership, corporation, limited partnership, joint venture, or other legal entity.

"**Retail Distributor**" shall mean a grocery store, general merchandise store, drug store, smoke shop, gas station, on-line distributor and/or retailer relating to Kratom and/or Kratom

products that are limited almost exclusively to sales for personal use, both in number of sales and volume of sales, either directly or to walk-in customers or in face-to-face transactions by direct sales, except that such term shall not include an employee or agent of such distributor and/or retailer.

Section 3. Prohibitions

a. No Person shall sell, offer for sale, or otherwise distribute Kratom in Herkimer County to any person.

b. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale or distribution of Kratom when the product is FDA-approved and/or prescribed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with a physician's prescription

Section 4. Enforcement and Penalties

(a) This law shall be enforced by the Herkimer County Sheriff's Department, any local law enforcement agency located in Herkimer County and any other authorized enforcement officials.

(b) Any Person who violates Section 3 of this Local Law shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to $1,000.00, a period of incarceration of up to one year, or both. An additional fine of $1,500.00 may be added for any subsequent violation of this law.

(c) Any person who violates Section 3 of this local law by selling, offering for sale, or otherwise distributing Kratom to a Minor shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and shall be punishable by fine of up to $1,000.00, a period of incarceration of up to one year, or both. Any person who commits a second or subsequent violation of Section4 (C) of this Local Law shall be guilty of a Class E Felony and shall be punishable by fine of up to $2,500.00, a period of incarceration of not more than one to four years' incarceration, or both.

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision or other part of this Local Law or its applications shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or otherwise invalidate the remainder of the Local Law which shall remain in full force and effect except as limited by such or judgment.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the Secretary of New York State.

Dated: November 18, 2026.