

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means  
Committee Meeting  
Friday, November 1, 2019  
Legislature Chambers  
Follows Education and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Vincent J. Bono (Chairman, Pub. Sfty./W&M committee member)  
Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (committee member, both)  
Raymond Smith (committee member, both)  
Peter Campione (Public Safety committee member)  
William E. Keeler (Public Safety committee member)  
John P. Stephens (Public Safety committee member)  
Patrick E. Russell (Ways & Means Committee Chairman)  
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)  
Bernard Peplinski, Sr., Chairman of the Legislature  
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Brandy Serow, Sec. to County Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, Assistant County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Jeff Carpenter, District Attorney  
Keith Bowers, Esq.  
Hon. James P. Murphy

**(Non Committee Members Signed In)**

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Bob D. Hollum  
Legislator Peter F. Manno  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

**Items Discussed:**

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

1. Criminal Law reforms coming into effect on 1/1/20, providing Counsel At First Appearance (“CAFA”) for indigent defendants – James Murphy
2. Counsel at first appearance – Keith Bowers, Esq.
3. Accept Aid to Prosecution Grant in District Attorney’s Office & authorize e-signature
4. Authorize contract with Grand Jury court reporter in District Attorney’s Office
5. Amend Salary Schedule III in DA’s Office
6. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

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

Item #1 – Discussion only. No vote taken

Public Safety/Emergency Management recessed at 10:01 a.m. Ways & Means continued.

Public Safety resumed at 10:21 a.m.

Item #2 – Discussion only. No vote taken

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Peplinski for Public Safety, and on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Johnson for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

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

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Keeler for Public Safety, and on motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Smith for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #6 – N/A

At 10:38 a.m., on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Campione the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means committee continued.