

**Herkimer County Legislature**  
**Ways & Means Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, June 19, 2020**  
**Via Teleconference**  
**Follows County Properties and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Patrick E. Russell (Committee Chairman)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (committee member)  
Raymond Smith (committee member)  
Raymond Johnson (committee member)  
Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (committee member)  
John P. Stephens (committee member)  
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature  
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Brandy Serow, Sec. to County Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services  
Kim Enea, County Treasurer  
Sylvia Rowan, County Clerk

**(Non-Committee Members Signed In)**

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Mark Gaworecki  
Legislator Robert J. Schrader  
Legislator Bob D. Hollum  
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.  
Legislator John L. Brezinski  
Legislator Peter F. Manno  
Legislator Ray Donley  
Legislator Peter Campione  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

N/A

Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

**Items discussed:**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

1. Approve transfer in DSS
2. Approve Mortgage Tax Semi Annual Report - October 2019 through March 2020
3. Approval to submit claim in two class action cases related to purchase of pharmaceuticals
4. Approve settlement of claim
5. CSEA grievance
6. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**WAYS & MEANS:**

Mr. Russell stated "First thing is to approve transfer in DSS. Is Tim going to talk about that or somebody?"

Tim Seymour stated “I can talk about it Pat if you would like. It’s the last amount of money due under the Family First Transitions Act that is 100% Federal reimbursement program. It’s the closing out of it.”

Mr. Russell stated “\$2,900.”

Item #1 - On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Russell stated “Next, number two is to approve Mortgage Tax Semi Annual Report – October 2019 through March 2020. How did those numbers compare to the previous time frame? Do we know?”

Kim Enea stated “This is Kim. I have the numbers if you would like.”

Mr. Russell stated “Yes. Were they up or were they down?”

Kim Enea stated “Well from six months ago, this should be April to September 2019, it was up 16%. From the same time last year which is October through March it was up 21.5%.”

Mr. Russell stated “Yes. I am hearing people are getting out of the cities and they are going to want to move places. It might be interesting. Can I have a motion?”

Item #2 - On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Russell stated “Do any of these have to be in Executive Session?”

Mr. Wallace stated “The rest of the three. We would meet for the people on the phone to go to their email they got from Brittney yesterday. Please call in on that line.”

Mr. Russell asked “Is there anything under other? Can I have a motion to go into Executive Session?”

Items #3 through #5 - On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ways & Means committee went into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m., under Public Officer’s Law, Section 105 (d) and (f).

Mr. Ackerman was marked absent.

Item #3 - On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Bono, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #4 - On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #5 - On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the committee came out of Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

Mr. Russell requested a motion to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Ways & Means committee adjourned at 11:44 a.m.