

**SPECIAL SESSION
Herkimer County Legislature
Second Quarter – Fourth Day
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
9:15 a.m.**

The Special Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Vincent J. Bono at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Bono called on Joe Bono, Intern at the Herkimer County IDA, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bono requested everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in recognition and honor of all the current and past veterans of Herkimer County.

The Clerk called the roll, the following answered:

Present: Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Stephens, Brezinski, Manno, Swartz, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (14).

Absent: Malta, Johnson, Keeler (3).

Quorum present.

The Clerk read the Notice of the Special Session.

Chairman Bono stated that the communications received by the Legislature and the committees to which they were referred were as listed on the agenda and asked if any member of the Legislature requested mention of any particular communication. There were no requests.

No. 221 – A communication was received from the Chairman of the Legislature requesting Special Session. Filed.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Resolution No. 176 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing the County Administrator to apply for and accept, if awarded, grant funding from the Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program for the construction of a new children’s center at a cost of \$5,000,000 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (14). Against: None.

Absent: Malta, Johnson, Keeler (3).



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 176

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND
ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL**

COMMISSION CATALYST PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHILDREN’S CENTER AT A COST OF \$5,000,000

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

WHEREAS, the Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program offers grant funding for construction and pre-construction costs such as engineering of new infrastructure, for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of the new Children’s Center is \$5,000,000 and acceptance into the NBRC Grant Program provides a potential opportunity to receive \$1,000,000 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the project has already secured \$565,000 in funding from Congressionally Directed Spending and the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties; and

WHEREAS, the County will commit up to \$3,435,000, including \$550,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act, to cover the remaining costs of the project; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has determined that applying for and accepting the grant funding, if awarded, is in the best interest of Herkimer County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of Herkimer County, New York, that it authorizes the undertaking of the project and obligates the necessary match funding of up to \$3,435,000 to be paid by Herkimer County if the grant funding is awarded; and, be it further

RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of Herkimer County, New York, that the County Administrator, James Wallace, is hereby authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program for \$1,000,000, and upon the award of such funding to enter into and execute all documents and contracts with the Northern Border Regional Commission for said purposes, and further to carry out and comply with the terms of such project agreement(s); 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, and Strategic Development Specialists.

Dated: May 24, 2023.

On motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Schrader, this Special Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.