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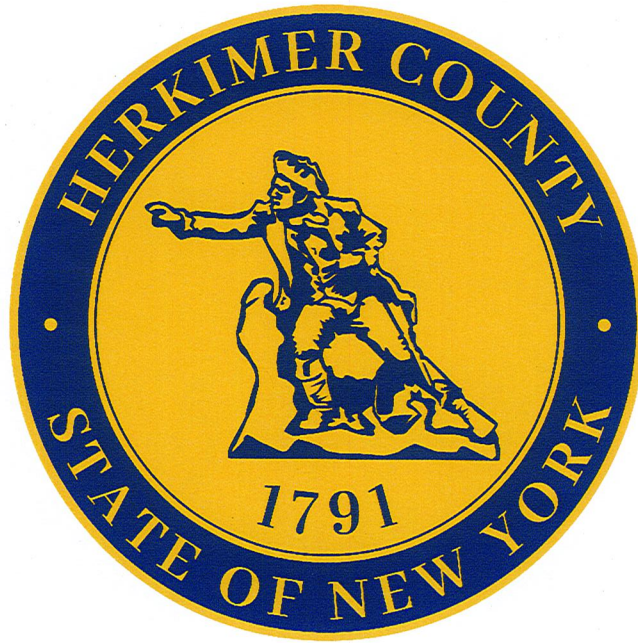
December 19, 2023

Patrick Russell, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Herkimer County Legislature announced that Herkimer County has adopted the proposed County budget for 2024. He stated “The budget for 2024 stands at \$119,690,989 with 26,030,160 raised through property taxes. This was a very challenging budget, due to several concerns other than of salaries, health insurance retirement and energy costs. New York State increased projected Medicaid costs by over \$1.2 million (\$2.6 million over actual costs), the Supreme Court ruling this past July has changed the in rem process that will cost the County \$600,000 per year, over a \$1.4 million increase in our highway department with an additional \$500,000 going to the Towns to plow County roads, a loss of \$200,000 in mortgage tax revenue as well as an additional \$100,000 in costs to NYS for mental health placements. On the positive side our economy is staying strong and an additional \$3.9 million in sales tax revenues help in balancing the budget along with a \$200,000 increase in boarding in of prisoners and \$600,000 increase in interest income.

Chairman Bono added: “This is a structurally sound budget that will decrease the tax rate 55 cents to \$3.77 per thousand.” Each town and the City’s rate will depend on their equalization rate. Sales of homes were robust in 2022 and were the major factor in the County’s full value increasing over \$960,000,000 to \$6.89 billion. Chairman Bono mentioned \$269,000 is in the budget to look at blighted properties. He also mentioned that he, along with the full legislature, look at this commitment along with the creation of a land bank as a first step in restoring properties and getting them back on the tax rolls. He thanked the City of Utica, City of Rome and the Herkimer Oneida County Solid Waste authority for their assistance with this project.

Chairman Russell thanked the Legislature, Department Heads and staff for their hard work and dedication, resulting in a sound budget for the taxpayers of Herkimer County.

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2024

PROPOSED HERKIMER COUNTY BUDGET

2024 Major Drivers

Negative Impacts

State Mental Health Inpatient Stays	Additional	\$100,000.00
In Rem	Loss	\$600,000.00
Medicaid	Additional	\$1,212,646.00
Highway General Fund Contribution	Additional	\$1,417,501.00
County Clerk Revenue	Loss	\$200,000.00
Health Insurance (County Cost)	Additional	\$547,222.00

Positive Impacts

Boarding In of Federal Inmates Revenue	Additional	\$200,000.00
Medicare Part D Reimbursements Reimbursements	Additional	\$100,000.00
Interest and Earnings	Additional	\$600,000.00
Community College Tuition (Chargebacks not HCCC)	Decrease	\$100,000.00
Sales Tax Surplus		\$3,943,236.00

2023/2024 Budget Comparison

	2023	2024	Difference	% Change
Total Appropriations:	\$112,182,839	\$119,690,989.00	\$7,508,150	6.69%
Total Revenues:	\$48,463,777	\$49,672,929.00	\$1,209,152	2.49%
Cash Surplus & Reserve <i>***breakdown below***</i>	\$1,183,950	\$675,616.00	-\$508,334	-42.94%
Sales Tax	\$36,832,706	\$40,775,942.00	\$3,943,236	10.71%
County Levy	\$25,702,406	\$25,960,130.00	\$257,724	1.00%
Uncollected Allowance	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	0.00%
Tax Levy:	\$25,772,406	\$26,030,130	\$257,724	1.00%
 Appropriated Fund Balance and Reserve:				
		2023	2024	Difference
General Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0.00
Highway Road Fund		\$500,000	\$0	(\$500,000.00)
Highway Machinery Fund		\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0.00
Computer Reserve		\$85,950	\$77,616	(\$8,334.00)
Correctional Facility Reserve		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Court Ordered Pmt Reserve		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0.00
Crime Proceeds Reserve		\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0.00
		<hr/> \$1,183,950	<hr/> \$675,616	<hr/> (\$508,334.00)

2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

FUNCTIONS	APPROPRIATIONS	REVENUES	CASH SURPLUS & RESERVE	BALANCE TO LEVY
Legislature	\$ 1,332,974.00		\$ -	\$ 1,332,974.00
Judicial	\$ 2,269,690.00	\$ 560,776.00		\$1,708,914.00
Finance	\$ 2,046,835.00	\$ 3,986,070.00		(\$1,939,235.00)
Staff	\$ 3,180,436.00	\$ 2,014,215.00		\$1,166,221.00
Shared Services	\$ 2,091,525.00	\$ 750,468.00		\$1,341,057.00
Special Items	\$ 11,948,416.00			\$11,948,416.00
Education	\$ 3,089,702.00			\$3,089,702.00
Public Safety	\$ 11,037,979.00	\$ 2,081,747.00		\$8,956,232.00
Public Health	\$ 10,207,839.00	\$ 6,950,620.00		\$3,257,219.00
Social Services	\$ 40,104,566.00	\$ 18,627,104.00		\$21,477,462.00
Economic Assistance	\$ 617,003.00	\$ 29,312.00		\$587,691.00
Aging	\$ 2,245,575.00	\$ 1,761,875.00		\$483,700.00
Culture, Youth & Recreation	\$ 864,951.00	\$ 340,388.00		\$524,563.00
Community Services	\$ 737,328.00			\$737,328.00
Debt Service	\$ 2,853,051.00	\$ 449,350.00		\$2,403,701.00
ETA	\$ 1,205,654.00	\$ 1,205,654.00		\$0.00
Highway	\$ 23,857,465.00	\$ 10,915,350.00		\$12,942,115.00
General Fund to Highway	\$ -			
MISCELLANEOUS				
Sales Tax		\$ 40,775,942.00		(\$40,775,942.00)
OTB & Unassigned Revenue		\$ 2,606,372.00		(\$2,606,372.00)
App from A878 Comp Reserve			\$ 77,616.00	(\$77,616.00)
App from A889P Court Ordered Pmts			\$ 50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)
App from A889C CrimeProcee			\$ 38,000.00	(\$38,000.00)
App from A889H Corr Fac Fund			\$ 10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)
App from D909 Co Road FB			\$ -	\$0.00
App from DM909 RdMachFB			\$ 500,000.00	(\$500,000.00)
App from A909 Gen Fund Bal		\$ -		
TOTALS	\$ 119,690,989.00	\$ 93,055,243.00	\$ 675,616.00	\$25,960,130.00
			Uncollected Allowance	\$70,000.00
			Tax Levy	\$26,030,130.00
			Proposed Levy	\$26,030,130.00
				\$0.00

2023 HERKIMER COUNTY EQUALIZATION TABLE FOR 2024

PRELIMINARY

	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION	EQUALIZATION RATE	FULL VALUATION	PERCENT OF BUDGET	COUNTY WIDE AMOUNT OF LEVY	TAXABLE VALUE	ANTICIPATED TAX RATE
CITY LITTLE FALLS	31,388,241	13.50%	232,505,489	3.371352%	877,567.30	31,069,049	28.25
COLUMBIA	76,014,931	62.00%	122,604,727	1.777781%	462,758.70	75,003,312	6.17
DANUBE	51,730,081	60.00%	86,216,802	1.250152%	325,416.19	50,925,577	6.39
FAIRFIELD	78,701,966	56.00%	140,539,225	2.037833%	530,450.57	77,562,621	6.84
FRANKFORT	289,165,002	51.00%	566,990,200	8.221413%	2,140,044.49	285,902,978	7.49
GERMAN FLATTS	319,786,013	55.00%	581,429,115	8.430779%	2,194,542.73	314,247,349	6.98
HERKIMER	353,546,491	68.00%	519,921,310	7.538910%	1,962,388.07	349,181,797	5.62
LITCHFIELD	77,781,933	62.00%	125,454,731	1.819106%	473,515.65	77,176,277	6.14
LITTLE FALLS	62,395,827	57.00%	109,466,363	1.587273%	413,169.22	61,732,687	6.69
MANHEIM	126,732,391	56.00%	226,307,841	3.281486%	854,175.07	125,242,448	6.82
NEWPORT	128,280,952	67.00%	191,464,107	2.776248%	722,660.96	127,099,847	5.69
NORWAY	38,348,497	49.00%	78,262,239	1.134810%	295,392.51	37,918,467	7.79
OHIO	209,302,122	73.00%	286,715,236	4.157399%	1,082,176.36	208,138,429	5.20
RUSSIA	199,653,161	75.00%	266,204,215	3.859987%	1,004,759.63	197,570,065	5.09
SALISBURY	153,122,227	77.80%	196,815,202	2.853840%	742,858.26	151,729,991	4.90
SCHUYLER	165,073,253	58.75%	280,975,750	4.074176%	1,060,513.30	162,899,566	6.51
STARK	30,360,168	44.27%	68,579,553	.994410%	258,846.21	30,062,537	8.61
WARREN	50,610,009	46.75%	108,256,704	1.569733%	408,603.54	50,023,358	8.17
WEBB	1,816,961,912	71.70%	2,534,117,032	36.744945%	9,564,756.95	1,815,457,964	5.27
WINFIELD	107,681,180	62.00%	173,679,323	2.518367%	655,534.20	106,541,139	6.15
COUNTY TOTALS:	4,366,636,357		6,896,505,164	100.00%	26,030,130.00	4,335,485,458	

FULL VALUATION: 6,896,505,164
 COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2024 26,030,130.00
 TAX RATE PER \$1.00
 OF FULL VALUE .003774394

HERKIMER COUNTY COUNTY TAX RATES

Year	Rate	Avg Tax Rate per \$1,000		County Tax Levy	Change
		Change			
2000	\$4.71			\$12,870,000.00	
2001	\$4.64	-1.5%		\$12,870,000.00	0.0%
2002	\$4.80	3.4%		\$13,760,000.00	6.9%
2003	\$4.74	-1.3%		\$14,530,000.00	5.6%
2004	\$5.17	9.1%		\$16,110,000.00	10.9%
2005	\$5.84	13.0%		\$18,780,000.00	16.6%
2006	\$5.76	-1.4%		\$21,280,000.00	13.3%
2007	\$5.78	0.3%		\$23,280,000.00	9.4%
2008	\$5.32	-8.0%		\$23,480,000.00	0.1%
2009	\$4.98	-6.4%		\$23,480,000.00	0.0%
2010	\$4.95	-0.1%		\$24,003,000.00	2.2%
2011	\$5.14	3.8%		\$24,003,000.00	0.0%
2012	\$5.30	3.1%		\$24,843,105.00	3.5%
2013	\$5.40	1.9%		\$25,066,700.00	0.9%
2014	\$5.39	-0.2%		\$25,267,657.00	0.8%
2015	\$5.49	1.8%		\$25,747,743.00	1.8%
2016	\$5.56	1.3%		\$26,202,399.00	1.7%
2017	\$5.58	0.4%		\$26,498,551.00	1.1%
2018	\$5.61	0.5%		\$26,707,157.00	0.8%
2019	\$5.50	-2.0%		\$26,707,157.00	0.0%
2020	\$5.15	-6.4%		\$25,772,406.00	-3.5%
2021	\$4.88	-5.2%		\$25,772,406.00	0.0%
2022	\$4.72	-3.3%		\$25,772,406.00	0.0%
2023	\$4.32	-8.5%		\$25,772,406.00	0.0%
2024	\$3.77	-12.7%		\$26,030,130.00	1.0%