

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Ways & Means Committee Meeting  
Friday, December 1, 2023  
Legislature Chambers  
Follows Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Patrick E. Russell (Committee Chairman)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (committee member)  
Raymond Johnson (committee member)  
Peter J. Campione (committee member)  
Ray Donley (committee member)  
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature  
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Brandy Serow, Secretary to Co. Administrator  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent  
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer  
Beth Sadlon, Director of Real Property Tax Services  
Kimberlee Enea, County Treasurer  
Jennifer Casey, County Property Agent  
Mark Nagele, Superintendent of Highways  
Scott Scherer, Sheriff

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

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Mark Gaworecki  
Legislator Robert J. Schrader  
Legislator Bob Hollum  
Legislator William E. Keeler  
Legislator John L. Brezinski  
Legislator Rodney Swartz  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

John P. Stephens (committee member)

**Items discussed:**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

1. Adopt 2024 Budget
2. Appropriation Conduct of County Govt. for 2024, Levy Consolidated Health Taxes, Levy Taxes, Equalization Table, Levy for Unpaid School, Village and City Taxes, Approve Forms and Footings, Levy for Town Budgets, Approve Warrants
3. Approve Dues for 2024, Approve Conferences for 2024
4. Contracts with Non-Profits for 2024, Contract with Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, Contract with Mid-York Library
5. Chairman's and Clerk's Certificate
6. Approve minutes for 2023
7. Approve reappointment to the Ethics Board
8. Approve transfer in 2023 Budget in ETA
9. Approve appropriation of funds in ETA
10. ARPA money
11. Approve cancellation of taxes
12. Approve agreement with Bassett Medical Center for Police Officer physicals
13. Approval to purchase large equipment using CHIP's monies, create project, create account and

- amend budget in Highway Department
14. Additional funding for snowmobiles
  15. Discussion on YMCA renewal – **On hold**
  16. Approve Sheriff's contract
  17. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**WAYS & MEANS:**

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Donley, seconded by Mr. Bono, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Russell, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #9 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Russell, Item #9 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #10 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Item #10 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #11 – On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Russell, Item #11 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #12 – On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #12 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #13 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #13 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Item #14 – On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donley, Item #14 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 2.

Mr. Ackerman was marked present

This meeting paused at 10:52 for a presentation under the Human Resources and Ways & Means committee and then reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

Item #15 – On hold.

Item #16 - On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione, the Ways & Means committee went into Executive Session at 12:07 p.m., under Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (f). On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Campione, the committee came out of Executive Session at 12:26 p.m. On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #16 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #17 – N/A.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Russell the Ways & Means committee adjourned at 12:27 p.m.