

**MINUTES**  
**Herkimer County Legislature**  
**Organizational Session**  
**Monday, January 6, 2020**  
**2:00 p.m.**

The Organizational Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk of the Legislature at 2:00 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll by district:

Present: District 1 – Gregory Malta, Sr.  
District 2 – Mark Gaworecki  
District 3 – Robert J. Schrader  
District 4 – Bob D. Hollum  
District 5 – Raymond Johnson  
District 6 – John P. Stephens  
District 7 – William E. Keeler, Sr.  
District 8 – John L. Brezinski  
District 9 – Peter F. Manno  
District 10 – Raymond Smith  
District 11 – Vincent J. Bono  
District 12 – Kurt J. Ackerman  
District 13 – Ray Donley  
District 14 – Peter J. Campione  
District 15 – Patrick E. Russell  
District 16 – Frederick J. Shaw, Jr.  
District 17 – William Weakley

At this time the Clerk called for nominations of a Temporary Chairman. On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Russell, Legislator Manno was nominated as Temporary Chairman. With no other nominations, Mr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hollum, to close nominations.

Legislator Manno was named Temporary Chairman.

Ayes: (16).                      Against: None.                      Absent: None.                      Abstain: Manno (1).

Temporary Chairman Manno called on Rose Bono to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Father Paul Catena, Pastor of the Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Frankfort and Church of the Annunciation in Ilion gave the Invocation.

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

Temporary Chairman Manno requested everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in recognition of the deceased members of the Herkimer County Legislature.

At this time, Temporary Chairman Manno called on Honorable George J. Luther II, Town Justice of the Town of Schuyler, to administer the oaths of office. Judge Luther asked the Legislators to stand and repeat the Oath of Office.

At this time, Temporary Chairman Manno called for the election of Chairman of the Legislature for the years 2020-2021. Temporary Chairman Manno opened the nominations. Legislator Smith nominated Vincent J. Bono as Chairman for the 2020-2021 term of the Legislature. The nomination was seconded by Legislator Stephens. On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Brezinski the nominations for Chairman were closed.

Legislator Bono was elected Chairman of the Legislature by the following roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Johnson, Stephens, Keeler, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (16).

Against: None. Abstain: Bono (1). Absent: None.

Legislators Patrick Russell and Raymond Smith escorted Chairman Bono to the Chairman's seat. Honorable George J. Luther II administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Bono with Rose Bono holding the bible.

Chairman Bono, expressed his appreciation for being elected as Chairman, and outlined his goals for the Legislature and the County for the next two years. (full address is included with the record of minutes of the Legislature).

The Chairman continued by opening the nominations for Vice Chairman. On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Brezinski, nomination was made for Legislator Johnson as Vice Chairman. With no other nominations, on motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione the nominations for Chairman were closed. Legislator Johnson was elected Vice Chairman by the following roll call vote:

For: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Stephens, Keeler, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (16).

Against: None. Abstain: Johnson (1). Absent: None.

At this time, Chairman Bono opened nominations for Clerk of the Legislature. On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Johnson, nomination was made for Brittany Viscomi as Clerk of the Legislature. With no other nominations, the Chairman called for a voice vote:

All ayes: (17). Against: None. Absent: None.



On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Brezinski, Resolution No. 4 appointing Sheri A. Ferdula as Herkimer County Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

Ayes: (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.

Ms. Ferdula thanked the Legislature for the appointment and stated she looked forward to working with the Legislature in the next two years.

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 5 of the Committee on Ways and Means as regards designation of depositories of County funds for 2020 was handed up; votes on and adopted by voice vote:

Ayes: (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Keeler, Resolution No. 6 designating the Times Telegram as the official newspaper of the County of Herkimer was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

Ayes: (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.

At 2:35 p.m., on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Stephens, this Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was adjourned to Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk



## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 1

**Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs**

RESOLVED, that the Rules, as last amended by Resolution No. 95 of 2018, including Rules 1 through 47, be and they hereby are, adopted as the Rules of the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer for the ensuing two years.

Dated: January 6, 2020.



## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 2

RESOLVED, that Lorraine H. Lewandrowski of Newport, New York, be, and she hereby is, appointed County Attorney for the County of Herkimer pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, Section 500 of the County Law.

Dated: January 6, 2020.

WILLIAM WEAKLEY



## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 3

RESOLVED, that Sharon Ewanyk of Little Falls, New York, be and she hereby is, appointed County Auditor of the County of Herkimer, pursuant to County Law, Article 15, Section 600 and Local Law No. 1 for the year 1932, said term to begin on the first day of January, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

Dated: January 6, 2020.

PETER J. CAMPIONE



## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 4

RESOLVED, that Sheri A. Ferdula of Frankfort, New York, be, and she hereby is, appointed Budget Officer and Purchasing Agent of the County of Herkimer pursuant to County Law, Article 16, Section 625 and Local Law No. 1 for the year 1933, said term to begin on the first day of January, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

Dated: January 6, 2020.

PETER F. MANNO





## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 5

### REPORT AND RESOLUTION AS REGARDS DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR 2020

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer does hereby designate the following banks for the deposits of all monies received by the Herkimer County Treasurer, to wit:

M & T Bank	50,000,000.00
NBT	1,000,000.00
Key Bank	1,000,000.00
Adirondack Bank	80,000,000.00
JP Morgan Chase	25,000,000.00
Community Bank	5,000,000.00
TD Bank	10,000,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to enter into an agreement with each of the said banks for and on behalf of and in the name of the County Legislature of the County of Herkimer, fixing rates of interest to be paid on the monies so deposited; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that before any monies be deposited in any bank, the County Treasurer accept from such bank either a depository bond in some good and solvent surety company or in lieu of such bond, bonds or certificates of the United States, of the State of New York, or any county, city and town of the State of New York, including bonds or certificates, and shall be deposited in a safe deposit box or safe deposit boxes by said County Treasurer in the name of the County of Herkimer or a properly executed certificate of escrow as authorized under the Laws of the State of New York, which certificate is approved by the County Attorney; and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a collateral agreement with said banks, which agreement is to be first approved by the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, County Attorney, County Clerk and the above named depositories.

Dated: January 6, 2020.



## HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 6

### **RESOLUTION THAT THE TIMES TELEGRAM BE DESIGNATED THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE COUNTY OF HERKIMER FOR THE YEAR 2020**

RESOLVED, that this Legislature names the *Times Telegram*, as the official newspaper of the County of Herkimer, and that that paper have published therein all legal notices, local laws and other matters required to be published.

Dated: January 6, 2020.