

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Ways & Means Committee Meeting  
Friday, January 14, 2022  
Legislature Chambers  
Follows Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Patrick E. Russell (Committee Chairman)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (committee member)  
John P. Stephens (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  
Tim Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services  
Mark Nagele, Superintendent of Highways

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

Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr.  
Legislator Mark Gaworecki  
Legislator Robert J. Schrader  
Legislator Bob Hollum  
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.  
Legislator Rodney Swartz  
Legislator Frederick J. Shaw, Jr.  
Legislator William Weakley

**Absent:**

Raymond Johnson (committee member)

Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

**Items discussed:**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

1. Approve leave of absence extension for Mary Sullivan
2. Appoint Bernard Peplinski to the Ethics Board through 12/31/23
3. Approve Retirement Reporting Resolution – K. Crandall, Gaworecki, Schrader, Johnson, Manno, Bono, Brezinski, Ackerman, Russell, Weakley, K. Tranter
4. Approve request to purchase loader under Sourcewell contract in Highways
5. Approve request to purchase 2022 Ram 5500 Crew Cab in Highways
6. Approve budget amendment for IDA
7. Approve Opioid settlement and allow Chairman to sign a settlement participation form and a term sheet as well as any other documents necessary to participate in this settlement
8. Ratifying memorandum of agreement between the County and the Herkimer County Unit of CSEA from 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2024
9. Workers Compensation Settlement
10. Other – No time off after 3rd COVID quarantine

**Committee Vote Record:**

**WAYS & MEANS:**

Mr. Ackerman was marked absent.

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

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

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

Mr. Ackerman was marked present.

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

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

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #7 - On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #8 and Item #9 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the committee went into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m., under Public Officer’s Law, Section 105 (e) and Section 105(d).

Item #8 - On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #9 - On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Item #9 was voted on and approved. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Bono, the committee came out of Executive Session at 11:13 a.m.

Item #10 – On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Bono, Item #10 was voted on and approved. Unanimous. Absent: 1

On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Stephens the Ways & Means Committee adjourned at 11:14 a.m.