

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Public Safety/Emergency Management and Ways & Means  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024  
Legislature Chambers  
Following Human Resources and Ways & Means**

**Persons Attending:**

Ray Donley (Chairman, Public Safety/W&M committee member)  
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Public Safety committee member)  
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means, Public Safety committee member)  
Peter J. Campione (committee member, both)  
William Weakley (committee member, both)  
John Brewer (Public Safety committee member)  
Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)  
Mark Gaworecki, (Ways & Means committee member)  
Bob Hollum, Chairman of the Legislature  
James Wallace, Jr., County Administrator  
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer  
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney  
Jeffrey Carpenter, District Attorney  
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services  
Walter Reska, Herkimer County Fire Advisory Board  
Albert Moxham, Herkimer County Fire Advisory Board  
Chris Moser, Herkimer County Fire Advisory Board

**(Non Committee Members Signed In)**

Legislator Robert J. Schrader  
Legislator Cynthia A. Bennett  
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.  
Legislator Michael Bick  
Legislator Rodney Swartz  
Legislator Ron Beach, Jr.

**Absent:**

N/A.

Mr. Donley called the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee to order at 4:59 p.m.

**Items Discussed:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

1. Discussion for training facility
2. Other

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:**

3. Discussion on Salaries for Attorneys
4. Other – Look into creating a Public Defenders Office

**Committee Vote Record:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Brewer for Public Safety & Emergency Management, Item #1 was voted on and approved. Unanimous.

Item #2 – N/A.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WAYS & MEANS:**

The Ways & Means Committee reconvened at 5:22 p.m.

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Weakley, seconded by Mr. Brewer for the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee and on motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione for the Ways & Means committee, the committees went into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m., under Public Officer's Law, Section 105 (f). Discussion only. No vote taken. On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Weakley for the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee and on motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for the Ways & Means committee, the committees came out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Donley for Public Safety & Emergency Management and on motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Russell, Item #4 was voted on and approved. Yes: Donley, Russell, Campione, Weakley, Brewer, Hollum, Ackerman, Gaworecki (8). No: Malta (1).

On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Russell for the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee and on motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Russell for the Ways & Means Committee, the committees adjourned at 7:04 p.m.