(PLEASE NOTE: Full Resolutions are attached following minutes)

MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
First Quarter – Second Day
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
7:30 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Vincent Bono at 7:30 p. m.

Chairman Bono called on Louis Christie, Commissioner of Elections, to lead the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bono called for a moment of silence in recognition of all veterans, past and present.

Roll Call: Quorum present, the following answering the roll:

Present: Luppino, Rose, Schrader, Wellington, Johnson, Stephens, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Peplinski, Korce, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (16).

Absent: Hyde (1).

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the County Legislature, Chairman Bono asked if there were any objections or corrections to the minutes of January 7, 2015. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

Chairman Bono dispensed with the regular session to allow for a presentation by Susan O'Rourke and Bill VanGorder from Mang Insurance. Mr. O'Rourke gave a brief update on the New York State Municipal Reciprocal Insurance Program for 2014, gave an overview of some of the training programs they provide to their members, and presented the County with a check in the amount of $12,062 for return of capital contribution. Mr. VanGorder expressed his appreciation for the County's continued confidence in them.

Pursuant to Rule 11, Chairman Bono opened the floor for public comment. There were no appearances for public comment.

Chairman Bono stated that the communications received by the Legislature and the committees to which they were referred were as listed on the agenda and asked if any member of the Legislature requested mention of any particular communication. There were no requests.

No. 14 – A communication was received from Capital District OTB submitting Financial Reports for October and November 2014. Placed on file.

No. 15 – A communication was received from the Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District submitting minutes of 12/9/2014. Ordered file.

No. 16 – A communication was received from National Grid concerning transmission line project applications. Placed on file.

No. 17 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting contract with Kids Oneida, Inc. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 18 – A communication was received from Chairman Bono reappointing Bernard Peplinski to Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

No. 19 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer recommending purchase of shelving for County Clerk's Vault. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 20 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting establishment of temporary part-time position. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 21 – A communication was received from the Director of the Office for the Aging requesting establishment of temporary position under Balance Incentive Program. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 22 – A communication was received from the Herkimer County Sewer District submitting a resolution for approval by the County Legislature. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 23 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer recommending rejection of bids for countywide copier service and requesting authorization to rebid. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 24 – A communication was received from the Director of Community Services submitting December activities report. Placed on file.

No. 25 – A communication was received from the Director of Real Property Tax Services requesting permission for County Auditor to process refunds and corrections of taxes for $2500 or less. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 26 – A communication was received from Cornell Cooperative Extension submitting 2014 Annual Report. Placed on file.

No. 27 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer submitting requests for transfers of funds in 2015 Budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 28 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer submitting requests for transfers of funds in 2014 Budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

No.29 – A communication was received from the County Attorney concerning appointment of coroners' physician. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 30 – A communication was received from the Director of Community Services submitting the 2014 Annual Report of Mental Health Services. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

No. 31 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer submitting request for budget amendment in connection with receipt of Immunization Action Plan Grant. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 32 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer submitting report of fees received by the Personnel Office for 2014. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 33 – A communication was received from the Director of Information Services submitting 2014 Annual Report of Information Services Department. Referred to the Committee on Information Services.

No. 34 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer submitting 2014 Annual Report of Former Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 35 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services requesting contracts under Flexible Funds for Family Services Plan (formerly TANF). Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means.

No. 36 – A communication was received from the State Office for Aging submitting annual evaluation for the Herkimer County Office for the Aging. Placed on file.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Bono then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees. There were no reports.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the following Consent Agenda was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None.

Absent: Hyde (1).

Consent Agenda:

16 HUMAN RES.: Adopting Annual Report of Mental Health
17 WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Annual Report of Former Self Insurance Plan
18 WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Annual Report of Stand Alone Workers' Compensation Plan
19 WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Annual Report of Fees Received by Herkimer County Personnel Office
20 INFORMATION SERVICES: Adopting Annual Report of Information Services Department
21 WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing County Auditor to process real property Tax refund applications and to correct errors on tax rolls
22 NAT. RESOURCES: Reappointing member to Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 23 of the Committee on Ways and Means transferring funds in 2015 Budget was handed up; was voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Report and Resolution No. 24 of the Committee on Ways and Means transferring funds in 2014 Budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Report and Resolution No. 25 of the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means authorizing contracts in connection with Flexible Funds for Family Services Plan (formerly known as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – TANF) in the Department of Social Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Report and Resolution No. 26 of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Human Resources authorizing contract in Department of Social Services for Family Parenting Classes was handed up;

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Report and Resolution No. 27 of the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways and Means awarding contract for provision of shelving units for Herkimer County Clerk's Office was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Luppino, Report and Resolution No. 28 of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Human Resources for temporary staffing change in Department of Social Services was handed up; discussion was held; was voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Luppino, Schrader, Wellington, Johnson, Stephens, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Peplinski, Korce, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (15).

Against: Rose (1). Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Smith, Report and Resolution No. 29 of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Human Resources for temporary staffing change in Herkimer County Office for the Aging was handed up; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

For: Luppino, Rose, Schrader, Wellington, Johnson, Stephens, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Peplinski, Korce, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 30 of the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways and Means rejecting bid and authorizing rebidding for provision of countywide copier and maintenance service was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Luppino, seconded by Mr. Peplinski, Report and Resolution No. 31 of the Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways and Means appointing coroners' physician was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Brezinski, Report and Resolution No. 32 of the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means authorizing Belt Press System Contract Changes was handed up; was voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Russell, Report and Resolution No. 33 of the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means requesting legislation authorizing extension of the additional sales and compensating use tax was handed up; discussion was held; was voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: Rose (1). Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wellington Report and Resolution No. 34 of the Committee on Natural Resources appointing representatives of Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Report and Resolution No. 35 of the Committee on Ways and Means amending Resolution No. 48 of 2014 determining officers and employees of Herkimer County required to file financial disclosure forms was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Schrader, Report and Resolution No. 36 of the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs opposing Executive 2015-16 State Budget proposal concerning the Upstate Revitalization Account was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16).

Against: None. Absent: Hyde (1).

Chairman Bono stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by legislators. The following legislator had further comments: Russell, Rose, Chairman Bono.

On 8:00 p.m. on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.