

**Herkimer County Legislature
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Via Teleconference
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Persons Attending:

Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (Chairman, Human Resources/W&M committee member)
Raymond Smith (committee member, both)
Peter F. Manno (Human Resources committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Human Resources committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (Human Resources committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)
John P Stephens (Ways & Means committee member)
Vincent J. Bono (Chairman of the Legislature)
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Christina Cain, Director of Public Health
(Non Committee Members Signed In)
Legislator Bob D. Hollum
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Ray Donley
Legislator Peter J. Campione
Legislator William Weakley

Absent:

Robert J. Schrader (Human Resources committee member)

Mr. Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

Items discussed:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

1. Amend part time salary schedule in Public Health to approve LPN positions
2. Approve purchase of freezer and transfer funds in Public Health
3. Other

WAYS & MEANS:

4. Approve Temporary Position in Weights & Measures
5. Other

Committee Vote Record:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Shaw: "Number one on the agenda is amend part time salary schedule in Public Health to approve LPN positions. Do I have a motion?"

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bono for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Smith for Ways & Means, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Mr. Shaw: “Number two is approve purchase of freezer and transfer funds in Public Health. Do I have a motion?”

Jim Wallace: “Fred is it ok of Sheri gives us a quick update on where it is, can we get one, that kind of stuff?”

Mr. Shaw: “Yes. Sounds good.”

Sheri Ferdula: “This is a subzero freezer. It goes to negative eighty degrees and it’s needed for the COVID-19 vaccine. The reason we are putting such a rush on it is everybody is trying to get them right now, number one. We do have one we can purchase but it’s a 30-day delivery which they say 30 days, which means 45 to 60 days so we want to get the order in as soon as possible so we can get it here when the vaccines are ready.”

Mr. Shaw: “Sheri, I’ve got a question. Will that have an adjustable thermostat if you don’t need to take it down to minus ninety?”

Sheri Ferdula: “Yes it does.”

Mr. Shaw: “Because how do we know which vaccine they are going to send us?”

Sheri Ferdula: “It is an adjustable freezer and she can adjust it to whatever temperature she needs but it does go down as low as what they are telling her she has to have and we are using all COVID money to purchase it.”

Mr. Weakley: “Bill Weakley has a question.”

Mr. Shaw: “Go ahead Bill.”

Mr. Weakley: “Sheri where is this going to be located at? Right down there in Herkimer?”

Sheri Ferdula: “Where are we purchasing you mean?”

Mr. Weakley: “No, where is it going to be set up at?”

Sheri Ferdula: “I’m sorry. It will be set up in Public Health.”

Mr. Weakley: “Right there in the County Building?”

Sheri Ferdula: “Yes.”

Mr. Bono: “Guys we do have some refrigerators or freezers, I should say, already but they are not set up for this type of vaccine. But they will handle it in a pinch but this is specially for that type of vaccine minus eighty.”

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Smith for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Shaw for Ways & Means, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous. Absent: 1.

Item #3 – N/A

At 6:27 p.m., on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Manno, the Human Resources Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.

Committee Vote Record:

WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Russell: “Is there anything else on Ways and Means?”

Jim Wallace: “Approve the Temporary Position in Weights & Measures Pat. This was recommended by Pete’s committee. I don’t know if Pete wanted to talk about it at all.”

Mr. Campione: “Yeah. We would like to start on November 30th through December 18th at \$15.00 per hour to get him in and train him and have him ready to go by the time Bruce leaves.”

Mr. Russell: “Ways & Means didn’t have an issue with it. It’s going to be for a couple of weeks, right?”

Jim Wallace: “Three weeks.”

Mr. Campione: “November 30th to December 18th.”

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Russell for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #5 – N/A

At 6:29 p.m., on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ways & Means Committee adjourned.