

MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
First Quarter – Third Day
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing regarding the submission of an application to the CDBG Economic Development Program to assess the potential to attract agricultural food product producers to the County to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal was called to order by Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature, at 6:45 p.m. Chairman Bono asked the Clerk of the Legislature to call the roll of Legislators. The Clerk called the roll, the following answered: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Johnson, Stephens, Keeler, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw (16). Quorum present. Chairman Bono asked the Clerk to read the Notice of Public Hearing. The Clerk read the Notice. Chairman Bono asked that any person wishing to speak to state their name and address and limit comment to five minutes. John Piseck, Executive Director of the Industrial Development Agency made a comment. With no other persons wishing to speak, the hearing was declared closed at 6:49 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk
Herkimer County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE
HERKIMER COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Herkimer County Community Development Block Grant Application

The Herkimer County Legislature will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:45 p.m., via teleconference, Phone Number: 1-978-990-5000, Access Code: 548560, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the County's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2020 program year.

Herkimer County, upon approval of the Legislature, intends to submit an application for funding under the CDBG Community Planning program to assess the potential to attract agricultural food product producers to the County. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and will make available to eligible local governments up to \$20 Million for the 2020 program year for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

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Brittney Viscomi, Clerk
Herkimer County
Legislature, Suite 1310
Herkimer, New York 13350

Dated: February 10, 2021.

The Regular Session of the Herkimer County Legislature was called to order by Chairman Vincent J. Bono at 7:00 p.m.

This session was held via Zoom in connection with COVID-19.

Chairman Bono called on Cathleen McColgin, President of HCCC 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 and the individuals who have lost their lives since the beginning of this pandemic.

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

Present: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Johnson, Stephens, Keeler, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (17).

Absent: None.

Chairman Bono suspended the public comment period due to COVID-19 and stated that any interested individuals could submit comments by mail: 109 Mary Street, Suite 1310, Herkimer, NY 13350 or by email: hcl legislature@herkimercounty.org.

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 27, 2021. There were none, and the Chairman ordered them approved.

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. Mr. Schrader requested communications No. 41, No. 42, No. 43 and No. 44 be read.

No. 40 – A communication was received from the County Auditor submitting tax corrections for the month of January. Filed.

No. 41 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.

No. 42 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.

No. 43 – A communication was received from the District Attorney submitting Line of Succession. Filed.

No. 44 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting Notice of Claim. Filed.

No. 45 – A communication was received from Off Track Betting Corporation submitting September and October 2020 Financial Reports. Filed.

No. 46 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer submitting 2020 Annual Report of Fees for Civil Service Exams. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 47 – A communication was received from the County Highway Superintendent submitting 2020 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Highways.

No. 48 – A communication was received from the County Administrator requesting resolution to renew contract with Strategic Development Specialists. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 49 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting transfer in 2020 Budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 50 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting transfer in 2021 Budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 51 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting amendment to 2021 Budget. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 52 – A communication was received from the Director of Employment & Training requesting resolution to enter into agreement with The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d.b.a. Bassett Medical Center. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 53 – A communication was received from the Sewer District requesting approval of resolution for Generator Maintenance Contract. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 54 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting a contract for sprinkler/fire suppression system at the new correctional facility. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 55 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting amendment of 2021 Budget and creation of account in DSS. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 56 – A communication was received from the Executive Director of the IDA requesting authorization to submit application and set public hearing in connection with an application for Community Planning Assistance to the Office of Community Renewal. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Bono then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. Schrader: “I just want to make sure the full Legislature knows that there was an update to the iPads, please go on and update it. It will help us out a little bit. Thank you.”

Mr. Stephens: “Just a quick update for Public Safety. Speaking with Director Raymond over the last few days, we’ve put together... since 2013 we have put over \$6 million dollars of improvements into our 911 facility inclusive of new computer software, towers, microwaves, etc. So I just wanted to mention that to everybody, that’s all grant funded, \$6.2 million dollars.”

Chairman Bono: “Very good, thank you.”

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, the following consent agenda was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Gaworecki: “I just have a quick question, what is youth out of school? What do they do?”

Karin Piseck: “Youth out of school is one of the pots of money that my office has, federal pots of money. Youth is divided into youth in school and youth out of school. We concentrate mostly on out of school youth and that would be the 16 to 24 year olds that are either not in school or... we like to do the most we can with the ones that are not in school and not working. Certainly if they need their high school equivalency... so that’s just a budget line that we use. We have adult money, dislocated worker money, and youth money. So that is basically what that means.”

Mr. Gaworecki: “Thank you, I appreciate that.”

Consent Agenda:

- 38 WAYS & MEANS: Adopting Annual Report of fees received by the Herkimer County Personnel Office
- 39 HIGHWAYS: Adopting Annual Report of County Superintendent of Highways
- 40 WAYS & MEANS: Determining officers and employees of Herkimer County required to file financial disclosure forms
- 41 WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing transfer of funds in 2020 Budget
- 42 WAYS & MEANS: Authorizing transfer of funds in 2021 Budget

The Chairman continued with the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Report and Resolution No. 43 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means creating project and amending the budget was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Manno, Report and Resolution No. 44 sponsored by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means approving Sewer District Resolution HCSD-2021-01 awarding maintenance contract for generator was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 45 sponsored by the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing an agreement for maintenance and testing on the sprinkler/fire suppression system at Herkimer County Correctional Facility was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Schrader: "Do we have to set this off to see if it works or no?"

Chairman Bono: "Everything has been tested, we are good to go."

Mr. Russell: "Mr. Chairman, what is the maintenance part of this? What are they going to be doing?"

Sheri Ferdula: "Part of this contract is that they will do the fire pump flow tests that are required by the state. They will verify all the flow and tamper switches. They will trip test dry valves and back flow preventers. They will check all of the control valves, they will visually inspect the system and components to verify operating condition and they will inspect and test the clean agent system in the IT room."

Mr. Russell: "What was the maintenance part?"

Sheri Ferdula: “The inspection and testing is all part of the maintenance. The fire pump flow test and the sprinkler testing that has to be done, which is required by the state, all the testing of the valves and the preventers; that is all the maintenance and it is done on a quarterly basis.”

Mr. Russell: “Testing of something is considered maintenance? Do they fix it? I guess that is my question.”

Sheri Ferdula: “Yes.”

Mr. Russell: “It just seems like a lot of money.”

Sheri Ferdula: “This was something that we have talked about with Don and his crew for the first year or so, just until they get familiar with the systems... its very different from the systems we have in the County buildings right now... so for the first year they will work with this company to learn the different systems and what needs to be looked at and what needs to be tested so that hopefully going forward they can do it themselves.”

Mr. Russell: “Thank you.”

Mr. Hollum: “It’s probably something similar to when they come and test the system and equipment at my store, the Ansel system and stuff like that. Does it have to be done quarterly or is that just what we are doing? Like my business only has to be done twice a year.”

Sheri Ferdula: “Quarterly was just part of the agreement. Testing is required by the state to be semi-annual. But they will come in and check the rest of it quarterly throughout the year to help them get familiar with it.”

Mr. Hollum: “So we probably only have to have it tested twice a year then right?”

Sheri Ferdula: “The actual state testing is semi-annual, yes.”

Mr. Hollum: “Ok so why would we spend the extra money to have it tested so many different times? I know that they charge every single time. I understand the maintenance, they go through and they clean stuff, and they look everything over and they put a nice new sticker on it that says you have been tested and everything is good... so why would we spend the extra money, is what I’m asking.”

Sheri Ferdula: “No the actual... I’m sorry maybe I said it wrong... the required testing of the fire pump and the sprinkler system is only semi-annual and that they will only do twice a year. But they will come in quarterly and check all of the control valves, inspect the system, and check the switches. That is just regular maintenance but the fire pump and sprinkler system testing that has to be done is semi-annual and that will only be done twice a year.”

Mr. Hollum: “Only speaking through experience and doing this for 25 years, I’ve never seen a reason for it to have to be checked that many times. Is there a possibility that maybe we could consider doing it less?”

Sheri Ferdula: “I can look into it.”

Mr. Hollum: “That would be great, I am curious. Thank you.”

Mr. Russell: “It sounds like they are going to be teaching our folks about it so I understand it a little bit more clearly.”

Mr. Hollum: “But pretty much we are looking for that sticker, that tag that they put on it. Our maintenance won’t be able to do that, I’m just throwing that out there is all.”

Mr. Gaworecki: “Is it safe to assume that with these tests and inspections they will take on the liability of any water damage that might occur as a mistake during their testing?”

Mr. Hollum: “No they don’t. All it does is make it so your insurance company is satisfied and if something does happen, they cover it.”

Mr. Gaworecki: “So if they make a mistake during their testing and they flood the place with water...”

Mr. Hollum: “They’re not going to do that testing. What they’re going to do is pretty much check your Ansel systems, check your nozzles and make sure they are not all greased up, replace them when they have to, clean them off and stuff like that, and then go through and say everything looks good, new sticker, all done. Then the insurance is satisfied because it has been checked annually or however it works...”

Mr. Gaworecki: “But I thought a flow test was listed? The flow test and the head test?”

Mr. Hollum: “Yeah I’m not too sure about that, they have never done that with me.”

Sheri Ferdula: “Yes, the fire pump has to have a flow test and the sprinkler system heads have to be tested.”

Chairman Bono: “And those are yearly, correct?”

Sheri Ferdula: “I believe they are semi-annual.”

Mr. Gaworecki: “I was just wondering... let’s say a sprinkler head goes off in an office that has all the paperwork and other things that can be damaged, do they cover the cost of that?”

Chairman Bono: “I guess Mark if they did it, I guess we would have some recourse with them, with our insurance company, but I guess our insurance companies would have to battle that out. Theirs and ours, correct?”

Sheri Ferdula: “Yes. Also this is something that we have to do in our buildings, we have a company out of Syracuse that comes in and does it for us twice a year... it has to be done by an outside company for these two tests. They have to be done for the state, they aren’t something we can do ourselves. The maintenance we can do once they are familiar with it but these two tests have to be done by an outside source.”

Mr. Gaworecki: “Thank you.”

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Campione, Report and Resolution No. 46 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning and Development and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing renewal of agreement with Strategic Development Specialists to render professional services regarding grant writing to further economic development in Herkimer County was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (16). Against: Johnson (1). Absent: None.

Mr. Gaworecki: “I have a question. Can we use this for helping local municipalities in our district and if so, how do we go about that?”

Chairman Bono: “We have a specific contract with the County and with the IDA through economic development projects. I think they would have to hire them themselves. Certainly if it tied in with the County, maybe we shared something in common, we could run it through the County. Correct me if I am wrong, Jim.”

Mr. Wallace: “I would agree with you. I think what we have done as a team is if the project... I think once or twice we’ve felt that it was in the best interest to the County to move forward working with the municipality. So it is a possibility, yes.”

Mr. Gaworecki: “Ok, thank you.”

Chairman Bono: “Some of the municipalities have taken them on as consultants for certain facets of construction and projects.”

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, Report and Resolution No. 47 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning and Development and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing office space permit agreement with the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d/b/a Bassett Medical Center at the Working Solutions Career Center was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Schrader: “Karin is on I see, she could probably answer this. You did a reduced cost on this, right Karin?”

Karin Piseck: “Yes.”

Mr. Schrader: “Ok. That is for the 2021 year right?”

Karin Piseck: “That is right.”

Mr. Schrader: “Ok. Say COVID miraculously goes away in another month, they lowered their rent down, are they willing to increase that rent back up?”

Karin Piseck: “Yes they are willing to do that. I have a great working relationship with the head guy John; he is in my office everyday but the rest of his staff are all working from home and they have been since this happened. So I really couldn’t see where I could say no to dropping that down a little. Honestly, I would rather have them than not have them because they add a great service and they help me with the rent there. It is going to be a little bit smaller than what we’ve had before but I am hoping that at some point when they come back that it will pick back up.”

Mr. Schrader: “Alright that is what I was wondering. Just hoping that.... because it will add more onto your budget now, correct?”

Karin Piseck: “Yes. Any partners that pull out or stop paying, that comes out of Employment and Training’s budget. That is why I try to find as many people as I can to rent there.”

Mr. Schrader: “I just wanted to make sure that next year, whenever they re-up it, we were going to readjust it and I’m sure you will.”

Karin Piseck: “Absolutely.”

Mr. Schrader: “Ok, thank you very much.”

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Report and Resolution No. 48 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means accepting funding, creating account, and amending budget in Department of Social Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Resolution No. 49 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning and Development and the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Community Planning Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17). Against: None. Absent: None.

Chairman Bono stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by Legislators.

Chairman Bono: “I just have a couple of things. Just to let you know what is going on with the COVID situation, we continue to have daily meetings whether it be our task force for vaccines or our regular COVID meetings. Numbers are coming down if you are looking at those, hospitalizations look good, unfortunately the deaths increased by I think three today, we are sorry to hear that. On a positive note though the overall numbers are going down throughout the region, not just in Herkimer County. The Governor is reducing some of the requirements, I heard that amusement parks and places of amusement, those regulations are going to be relaxed within the coming weeks. That is good news for Old Forge and Water Safari when that happens. Hopefully when we get some better weather. We are currently starting our second doses, last week we started on Friday up in Webb, today was our POD in Herkimer for the second dose. We will be continuing to give those right through to next Tuesday. So we will be complete with our first round of second doses by Tuesday. We are using volunteers now in those PODs to help out, and that will be increasing as we get doses. If you watch the national news and through our meetings we are learning that supposedly more doses are on the way, we await those and will distribute those accordingly. Office for the Aging continues to work with the pharmacies, right now there is probably a waiting list of about 900 plus people waiting to sign up. I know I received a couple of calls yesterday from people that don’t understand we just don’t have the doses. It is all over the country, it is not just Herkimer County. We are working on police reform also, we had our meeting recently which is going well. We are probably going to have another meeting on the 24th, so we will be completing that hopefully within the coming weeks. By April 1st we should have that submitted, we should have it submitted well before that, so good roundtable there.”

At 7:26 p.m. on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 38

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF FEES RECEIVED BY THE HERKIMER COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICE

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the Annual Report of the fees received by the Herkimer County Personnel Office for civil service exams for fiscal year 2020, respectfully reports that we have examined the same, recommend the adoption of said report, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Annual Report of the fees received by the Herkimer County Personnel Office for civil service exams for fiscal year 2020 be approved and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 39

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Sponsored By: Committee on Highways

WHEREAS, your Committee on Highways, to which was referred the Annual Report for 2020 of the County Highway Superintendent, respectfully reports that we have examined the same, recommend the adoption of said report, and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the 2020 Annual Report of the County Superintendent of Highways be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2020.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 40

RESOLUTION DETERMINING OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF HERKIMER COUNTY REQUIRED TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Ethics Law requires this Legislature to adopt an updated list of officers and employees required to file annual financial disclosure forms; and

WHEREAS, that updated list, referred to as Schedule A, is attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all officers and employees on the attached list be required to file a financial disclosure form as set forth in Local Law No. 3 for the year 1990; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Ethics Board and each officer and employee who holds a position named on Schedule A.

Dated: February 17, 2021.

2021
Schedule A

Legislators (16)
Chairman (1)
County Administrator
Clerk of the Legislature
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
District Attorney
Assistant District Attorney (4)
Coroners (4)
County Auditor
Deputy County Auditor
County Treasurer
Deputy County Treasurer
County Property Agent
Budget Officer & Purchasing Agent
Deputy Purchasing Agent
Real Property Tax Service Director
County Clerk/Records Management Officer
Deputy County Clerk
County Attorney
Assistant County Attorney (3)
Personnel Officer/Safety Coordinator
Sheriff
Undersheriff
Chief Deputy (2)
Principal Account Clerk
Lieutenant (2)
Board of Elections Commissioner (2)
Information Services Director
Information Services Deputy Director
STOP-DWI Coordinator
Director of Probation
Director of Public Health
Director of Health Services
Supervising Community Health Nurse (2)
Director of Community Services
Administrative Officer, Mental Health
Commissioner of Social Services
DSS Attorney (2)
Director of Social Services
Special Assistant to Commissioner/Personnel Staff Developer
Director of Administrative Services (DSS)
Head Social Welfare Examiner
Managed Care Coordinator

WMS Coordinator
Child Support Enforcement Coordinator
Social Services Employment Coordinator
Veterans' Service Agency Director
Director of Weights and Measures
Director of Office for the Aging
Nutrition Services Coordinator
Employment and Training Director II
Executive Director of the Youth Bureau
County Building Maintenance Foreperson
Chief Plant Operator – Sewer District
Sewer Board Chairman
Sewer Board Commissioners (4)
County Highway Superintendent
Deputy Highway Superintendent
Highway Maintenance Supervisor
Assistant Highway Maintenance Supervisor
Highway Senior Civil Engineer
Director of Emergency Services
Deputy Director of Emergency Services
Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator
IDA Executive Director
Financial Manager

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COUNCILS

Governmental Policy and Liaison Committee (GP & L)
Ethics Board
Herkimer County Planning Board
Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency

HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

President
Trustee (9)
Senior Vice-President for and Finance
Dean of Students
Provost
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Director of Human Resources
Controller
Director of Athletics
Assistant to the President
Director of Library Services
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs – Humanities/Soc. Sciences
Purchasing Agent
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs – Business/Health/Science/Tech.
Director of Campus Safety

Director of Public Relations
Interim Director of Facilities
Director of Information Services
Director of Admissions
Director of Institutional Research



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 41

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT IN 2020 BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a communication from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer, January 27, 2021, submitting requests for transfers of funds and to amend the 2020 budget, reports that we have examined said communications, inquired into the subject matters thereof, and recommend that said transfers be made and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer the following sums from and to the following accounts:

\$1,300	From: A3110.46300, Sheriff, Postage
	To: A3110.10000-002, Sheriff, Overtime

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Auditor, Treasurer, Budget Officer, and Sheriff.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 42

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND BUDGET AMENDMENT IN 2021 BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways & Means

WHEREAS, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred a communication from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer, January 28, 2021, submitting requests for transfers of funds and to amend the 2021 budget, reports that we have examined said communications, inquired into the subject matters thereof, and recommend that said transfers be made and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Treasurer be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer the following sums from and to the following accounts:

\$2,729.74	From:	CD6292A.3002.46000.734, ET02-20, Youth out of School, Miscellaneous Expense
	To:	CD6292A.3002.81000, ET02-20, Youth out of School, Retirement

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Auditor, Treasurer, Budget Officer, and Director of Employment & Training.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 43

REPORT AND RESOLUTION CREATING PROJECT AND AMENDING THE BUDGET

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2021, Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has advised that Resolution No. 3 of 2021 approved a grant performance agreement with Herkimer County HealthNet Inc., to be the pass-through for funding from the New York State Department of Health Rural Network Developmental Program; and

WHEREAS, letter further advises that an amendment to the 2021 budget and the creation of a project will be necessary to allow for the funds to be transferred; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Herkimer County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUE

A4018.3418, Health Care Network, Proj: 13-12	From: \$0
	To: \$82,523

EXPENSE

A4018.44000, Health Care Network, Proj: 13-12	From: \$0
	To: \$82,523

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Commissioner of Social Services, and Executive Director of Herkimer County HealthNet.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 44

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER DISTRICT RESOLUTION HCSD-2021-01 AWARDING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR GENERATOR

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 25, 2021, this Legislature is advised that by action on January 20, 2021, the Herkimer County Sewer District Board adopted a resolution awarding a maintenance contract for their generator/fire pump; and

WHEREAS, the resolution approves the maintenance contract with Power Generation & Industrial Engines, Inc., for a three year agreement, to commence January 2021 for a total cost of \$2,314.62 per year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described resolution is hereby approved for a maintenance contract for their generator/fire pump with Power Generation & Industrial Engines, Inc., for a three year agreement, for a total cost of \$2,314.62 per year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Chief Plant Operator of the Herkimer County Sewer District, and Power Generation & Industrial Engines, Inc.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 45

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND TESTING ON THE SPRINKLER/FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AT HERKIMER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2021 from Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised of a request for an agreement with Condor Fire Sprinkler Company to perform the required maintenance and testing on the sprinkler/fire suppression system at the new correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this service will be \$5,664.00 for a one year period; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the County of Herkimer with Condor Fire Sprinkler Company to provide maintenance and testing on the sprinkler/fire suppression system at the new correctional facility at a cost of \$5,664.00 for a one year period, with the terms and conditions of said agreement to be subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Sheriff, and Condor Fire Sprinkler Company.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 46

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS TO RENDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING GRANT WRITING TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN HERKIMER COUNTY

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning and Development
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2021, James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator, has requested a contract renewal of the current agreement entered into with Strategic Development Specialists of Syracuse, New York, to provide services in connection with grant writing for projects for the County, the IDA and the College to further economic development projects in the County, to extend said agreement for an additional twelve month period through April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the cost for such services will be \$5,000 per month plus incidentals, totaling \$3,000 annually, for the period April 5, 2021 through April 4, 2022, with all other terms of the agreement to remain in force and effect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into a renewal of the agreement with Strategic Development Specialists, P.O. Box 205, Syracuse, New York 13214, to provide professional services in connection with grant writing for projects for the County, the IDA and the College to further economic development projects in the County, at a cost of \$5,000 per month plus incidentals, totaling \$3,000 annually, to extend the contract for the period April 5, 2021 through April 4, 2022, with all other terms of the agreement to remain in full force and effect, and with said contract to be subject to approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer and Strategic Development Specialists.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 47

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICE SPACE PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH THE MARY IMOGENE BASSETT HOSPITAL d/b/a BASSETT MEDICAL CENTER AT THE WORKING SOLUTIONS CAREER CENTER

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning and Development
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 293 adopted on December 11, 2013, this Legislature authorized an Office Space Permit Agreement with the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d/b/a Bassett Medical Center to provide office space at the Working Solutions One Stop Center, with payment to the County to be in the amount of \$7,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, by further Resolutions, this Legislature authorized contracts for additional years and additional lease of space by Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d/b/a Bassett Medical Center at the Working Solutions One Stop Center, the most recent being Resolution No. 325 of 2019; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 27, 2021, Karin Piseck, Director of Employment and Training has advised of a request to enter into a new Office Space Permit Agreement with the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and to discount their fee from \$24,000 to \$12,000 per year due to the fact that over half of their staff are currently working from home and have been since March 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an Office Space Permit Agreement on behalf of the County of Herkimer to provide office space at the Working Solutions One Stop Center for use by The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d/b/a Bassett Medical Center in the amount of \$12,000 for the time period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with terms and conditions subject to the approval of the Herkimer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Employment and Training, and the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital d/b/a Bassett Medical Center.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 48

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING, CREATING ACCOUNT, AND AMENDING BUDGET IN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 3, 2021, from Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services, he has requested that this Legislature accept funding from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 3, 2021 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that it is necessary to amend the Herkimer County Budget for 2021 and create an expense account in connection with the receipt of said funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above described funding is hereby accepted and that the 2021 budget be amended as follows:

A6070B.1989G, RH Foundation, Departmental Income	From: \$2,000 To: \$12,000
A6070B.22000, RH Foundation, Computer Equipment	From: \$0 To: \$10,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, and Commissioner of Social Services.

Dated: February 17, 2021.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 49

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM

**Sponsored by: Committee on County Planning & Development
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the “OCR”) has announced availability of funding under the NYS CDBG Economic Development program to provide grants to communities that wish to undertake community planning activities that will result in benefits for low-and-moderate-income persons. The goal of the program is to fund projects that encourage investment in communities by assisting local governments in devising and implementing economic development strategies to revitalize viable communities and provide economic opportunities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (“HCIDA”) by letter dated January 21, 2021 from John J. Piseck, Executive Director, has requested that the County apply for the OCR funding; and

WHEREAS, the Project, if awarded, will result in substantial benefit to the County in the form of providing potential for future economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the County has held a public hearing on February 17, 2021 to obtain citizens’ views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of the County in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to the OCR; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement between the County and the OCR and all related documents associated with the OCR grant, including entering into a grant agreement with the HCIDA for the implementation of the Project, all such documents to be subject to review and approval by the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency.

Dated: February 17, 2021.