

MINUTES
Herkimer County Legislature
Second Quarter – Second Day
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Bono called on Legislator Gregory Malta, Sr. 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: Malta, Gaworecki, Schrader, Hollum, Johnson, Stephens, Keeler, Brezinski, Manno, Smith, Bono, Ackerman, Donley, Campione, Russell, Shaw, Weakley (17).

Absent: None.

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

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 April 28, 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. Malta requested Communication No. 150 be read.

No. 141 – A communication was received from the Dolgeville Food Pantry submitting thank you for donation in memory of Domiano “Dip” Contino. Filed.

No. 142 – A communication was received from the Solid Waste Authority submitting 2020 Annual Report. Filed.

No. 143 – A communication was received from the Capital District OTB submitting financial report for November 2020, January 2021, February 2021, and 2020 Annual Report. Filed.

No. 144 – A communication was received from the Soil and Water Conservation District submitting notice of meeting. Filed.

No. 145 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent awarding bid for bus service to Old Forge for Youth Bureau. Referred to the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 146 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Adirondack Financial Services. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 147 – A communication was received from the Director of Emergency Services requesting authorization to purchase an extended service plan for their Zetron CAD system and software. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 148 – A communication was received from the Director of Emergency Services requesting authorization to upgrade Zetron MAX-D radio consoles and software. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 149 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in connection with Raise the Age grant funding in Probation. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 150 – A communication was received from the County Attorney submitting copy of Summons and Complaint. Filed.

No. 151 – A communication was received from the Director of Probation requesting amendment to the Laundry List to add NYSAIEP membership. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 152 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting budget amendment in connection with Cyber Security Grant funding in Information Services. Referred to the Committee on Information Services and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 153 – A communication was received from the Commissioners of Elections requesting approval for extension of Shoebox Grant. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 154 – A communication was received from the Director of Public Health requesting to enter into a contract for services of Medical Consultant. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 155 – A communication was received from the Commissioner of Social Services submitting 2020 Annual Report. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

No. 156 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting purchase of commercial lawn mower for the new correctional facility. Referred to the Committee on County Properties and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 157 – A communication was received from the Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent requesting Chairman to sign Change Order. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 158 – A communication was received from the Director of Emergency Services requesting authorization to purchase an extended service plan for their Zetron MAX-Call Taker 911 telephone system and software. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 159 – A communication was received from the Personnel Officer requesting authorization for Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc. Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

No. 160 – A communication was received from the County Administrator requesting a resolution to urge the Governor and State Legislature to sunset the \$300 in extra Federal unemployment insurance. Referred to the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs.

Pursuant to Rule 6, Chairman Bono then proceeded with Reports of Standing Committees. Legislator Hollum, Chairman of the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs gave an update how well school elections went with the assistance of the Board of Elections; Legislator Russell, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, informed the Legislature that they are currently in negotiations with the Sheriff's Union; Legislator Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on County Properties, gave an update that Jail Number 2 is decommissioned and he will be bringing a few ideas for the building to the Committee; Legislator Campione, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, requested that everyone pick up their copy of the Farmland Protection Plan; Chairman Bono gave an update on mask guidance.

The Chairman continued with the Regular Agenda.

On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Brezinski, Report and Resolution No. 117 sponsored by the Committee on County Planning & Development and the Committee on Ways & Means awarding bid for bus service for the Old Forge area transportation program for the 2021 Summer Youth Employment Program was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 117

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR BUS SERVICE FOR THE OLD FORGE AREA TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE 2021 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 114 for the year 1993, the Herkimer County Budget Officer and Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise for bids, on an annual basis, for the Old Forge Area Transportation Program in relation to the Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated April 28, 2021, the Budget Officer has advised this Legislature that bids were received, opened and read in accordance with law for bus services in connection with the 2021 Summer Youth Employment Program to provide transportation to the Old Forge Area; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Officer has advised that it is the recommendation of your Committees and the Youth Bureau that a contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Hale Transportation, in the sum of \$540.00 per bus, per day, for 135 regular runs and 2 runs for orientation, for a total of \$73,980; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature awards a contract to Hale Transportation, 37 Kirkland Avenue, Clinton, New York 13323, for bus service for the Old Forge Area Transportation Program for the 2021 Summer Youth Employment Program, in the sum of \$540.00 per bus, per day, for 135 regular runs and 2 runs for orientation, for a total of \$73,980; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer, 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, Executive Director of the Youth Bureau, and Hale Transportation.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Report and Resolution No. 118 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing contract with Adirondack Financial Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 118

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH ADIRONDACK FINANCIAL SERVICES

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 29, 2021, Steven R. Billings, Personnel Officer has requested authorization to enter into a contract with Adirondack Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Financial Services will perform health insurance consultant services in the areas of risk management, ongoing analysis, review, and evaluation of current County health insurance plans, as well as solicitation of proposals and quotes from insurance providers as to renewal of existing insurance policies; and

WHEREAS, the contract will run from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024 at a cost of \$27,250 per year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a contract be entered into with Adirondack Financial Services, to perform health insurance consultant services in the areas of risk management, ongoing analysis, review, and evaluation of current County health insurance plans, as well as solicitation of proposals and quotes from insurance providers as to renewal of existing insurance policies at a cost of \$27,250 per year for the time period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024, with terms and condition of said contract to be subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract on behalf of the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

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

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Report and Resolution No. 119 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means approving the utilization of grant funding for the purchase of an extended service plan for Zetron Computer Automated Dispatch System and software was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 119

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EXTENDED SERVICE PLAN FOR ZETRON COMPUTER AUTOMATED DISPATCH SYSTEM AND SOFTWARE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter received April 23, 2021, from John J. Raymond, Director of Emergency Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to purchase an extended service plan for Zetron Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) system and software by utilizing SHSP-20 grant funding; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Emergency Services that the purchase be made through JPJ Electronics at a cost of \$20,236.50; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves the request to purchase an extended service plan for Zetron Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) system and software through JPJ Electronics at a cost of \$20,236.50, by utilizing SHSP-20 grant funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Emergency Services, and JPJ Electronics.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Stephens seconded by Mr. Weakley, Report and Resolution No. 120 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means approving the utilization of grant funding to upgrade Zetron MAX-D radio consoles and software was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 120

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF GRANT FUNDING TO UPGRADE ZETRON MAX-D RADIO CONSOLES AND SOFTWARE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter received April 23, 2021, from John J. Raymond, Director of Emergency Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to upgrade the Zetron MAX-D radio consoles and software at 911 by utilizing State Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG-19) funding; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from JPJ Electronics to upgrade five (5) console radio computers and software and expand the IP switch and components in the back server room to accommodate additional radio channels, as well as providing an extended service plan which includes 24/7 service; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Emergency Services that the purchase be made through JPJ Electronics at a cost of \$31,369.70; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature approves the request to upgrade the Zetron MAX-D radio consoles and software at 911 through JPJ Electronics at a cost of \$31,369.70, by utilizing State Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG-19) funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Director of Emergency Services, and JPJ Electronics.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Donley, Report and Resolution No. 121 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means accepting grant funding, creating account, amending budget and authorizing e-signature was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 121

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING, CREATING ACCOUNT, AMENDING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING E SIGNATURE

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety/Emergency Management
Committee on Ways & Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 19, 2021, from Garry E. Murphy, Director of Probation, this Legislature is advised of the request for acceptance of a grant from the State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in the amount of \$83,484.00 for Raise the Age Legislation concerning appropriate cases, for the period from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 28, 2021 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent, this Legislature is advised that an account be created and that the 2021 budget be amended; now, therefore, be it

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

REVENUE:

A3140A.3389P, Raise the Age, State Aid \$83,484

EXPENSES:

A3140A.10000-001, Raise the Age, Salaries	\$44,000
A3140A.10000-002, Raise the Age, Overtime	\$10,000
A3140A.41000, Raise the Age, Supplies	\$5,000
A3140A.44000-404, Raise the Age, Electronic Monitoring	\$5,000
A3140A.46100, Raise the Age, Mileage	\$500
A3140A.81000, Raise the Age, Retirement	\$5,000
A3140A.83000, Raise the Age, Social Security	\$3,300
A3140A.83500, Raise the Age, Medicare	\$684
A3140A.86000, Raise the Age, Health Insurance	\$10,000.

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to execute by e-signature a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justices to receive a Raise the Age Grant in the amount of \$83,484.00 for the period from April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021, with said contract 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, Director of Probation, and the State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Ackerman, seconded by Mr. Smith, Report and Resolution No. 122 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means amending Resolution No. 363 of 2020 authorizing payment of dues for municipal officers and employees during the year 2021 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 122

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 363 OF 2020 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF DUES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES DURING THE YEAR 2021

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020 this Legislature adopted Resolution No. 363 authorizing payment of dues for municipal officers and employees during the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, by communication dated April 13, 2021, from Garry Murphy, Director of Probation, request is made to add a \$50 annual membership for the NY State Association of Incarcerated Education Programs, Inc., and further requests said Resolution No. 363 of 2020 be amended to reflect said change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 363 adopted on December 16, 2020 be amended under Probation Director, to add a \$50 annual membership for the NY State Association of Incarcerated Education Programs, Inc.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in all other respects Resolution No. 363 of 2020 shall remain in full force and effect; and, be it further

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

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Manno, Report and Resolution No. 123 sponsored by the Committee on Information Services and the Committee on Ways & Means

accepting grant, authorizing Chairman to e-sign contract, and amending budget in Information Services was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 123

REPORT AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT, AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO E-SIGN CONTRACT, AND AMENDING BUDGET IN INFORMATION SERVICES

**Sponsored by: Committee on Information Services
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 29, 2021, from Kathy Wright, Director of Information Services, this Legislature is advised of a request to accept grant funding, authorize Chairman to e-sign the contract, and amend the budget in connection with a U.S. Department of Homeland Security's State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$47,675.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 28, 2021, Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer/Purchasing Agent has requested the 2021 budget be amended as follows:

Revenue:

A1680.4389H, Information Services, HSG

From: \$0

To: \$47,675

Expense:

A1680.44000, Information Services, Contracted Services

From: \$60,100

To: \$107,775

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby accepts receipt of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$47,675.00, and amends the budget as listed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to e-sign the grant on behalf of the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

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

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stephens, Report and Resolution No. 124 sponsored by the Committee on Human Resources approving Annual Report of Social Services Department was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 124

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sponsored by: Committee on Human Resources

WHEREAS, your Committee on Human Resources, to which was referred the Annual Report for 2020 of the Department of Social Services, 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 Department of Social Services be adopted and placed on file with the Herkimer County Legislature for the year 2020.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Campione, Report and Resolution No. 125 sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management and the Committee on Ways & Means approving Change Order at the new Herkimer County Correctional Facility was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 125

REPORT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER AT THE NEW HERKIMER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

**Sponsored by: Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Management
Committee on Ways and Means**

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 30, 2021 from Sheri A. Ferdula, Budget Officer, it is requested that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Change Order for the final reduction in allowance for Jersen Construction; and

WHEREAS, letter further advises the previous Change Order reduced the allowance down to \$50,000, and this will close it out to \$0; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said Change Order on behalf of the County of Herkimer; and, be it further

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

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Hollum, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki, Resolution No. 126 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs setting Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law A for 2021 was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 126

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW A FOR 2021

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

We, the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs are causing to be prepared and will present Introductory Local Law A for 2021 entitled "A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A PILOT YOUTH DEER HUNTING PROGRAM", and offer the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held before the Herkimer County Legislature on the adoption of said proposed Local Law, to be conducted by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs on the 9th day of June, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the County Office Building in the Village of Herkimer, New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that at least five days prior to such Public Hearing the Clerk of this Legislature shall post a notice of such hearing upon the bulletin board in the Courthouse and cause to be published said notice at least once in the *Times Telegram*; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature shall place a copy of said act on the desks of the members of this County Legislature at least seven calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to its final adoption; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if said Local Law be finally adopted, the Clerk of this Legislature shall file one certified copy thereof in the Office of the County Clerk, one in the Office of the Secretary of State and publish said local law as required by law.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Resolution No. 127 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means approving standard work day and retirement reporting for elected and appointed officials was handed up; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 127

RESOLUTION APPROVING STANDARD WORK DAY AND RETIREMENT REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials to report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

Title:	Standard Work Day: (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name: (First and Last)	Social Security Number: (Last 4 digits)	NYSLRS ID:	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates: (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted: (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Appointed Officials								
Assistant Dist. Attorney	6	Elizabeth S. Healy	████	██████████		10/19/21-12/31/24	25.48	

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Personnel Officer, and Principal Account Clerk in the Treasurer's Office.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Weakley, Resolution No. 128 sponsored by the Committee on Ways & Means authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc. was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by roll call vote:

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

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 128

REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION, INC.

Sponsored by: Committee on Ways and Means

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 362 of 2020, this Legislature ratified a Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Herkimer and the Herkimer County Unit of the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc., for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 14, 2021, from Steve Billings, Personnel Officer, this Legislature is advised of a request to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA, Local 1000 Union to increase the base rate of pay for Senior Public Safety Telecommunicators by \$2,080 (new base rate will be \$38,899), increase the base pay rate for Public Safety Telecommunicators by \$2,080 (new base pay rate will be \$33,419), and change the hire rate for Public Safety Telecommunicators from \$29,238 to \$33,419, the MOA will also increase the shift differentials for the Senior Public Safety Telecommunicators and Public Safety Telecommunicators as follows: \$0.51 per hour for hours worked between 5:00 p.m. and midnight, \$0.76 per hour for hours worked between midnight and 7:00a.m.; and

WHEREAS, your Committees have considered said request and recommend said change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA, Local 1000 Union to increase the base rate of pay for Senior Public Safety Telecommunicators by \$2,080 (new base rate will be \$38,899), increase the base pay rate for Public Safety Telecommunicators by \$2,080 (new base pay rate will be \$33,419), and change the hire rate for Public Safety Telecommunicators from \$29,238 to \$33,419, the MOA will also increase the shift differentials for the Senior Public Safety Telecommunicators and Public Safety Telecommunicators as follows: \$0.51 per hour for hours worked between 5:00 p.m. and midnight, \$0.76 per hour for hours worked between midnight and 7:00a.m., effective May 19, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Herkimer County Treasurer, Auditor, Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, Director of Emergency Services, and the Herkimer County Unit of the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Resolution No. 129 sponsored by the Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs urging the Governor to forgo additional Federal unemployment funds was handed up; discussion was held; voted on and adopted by voice vote:

For: Ayes (17).

Against: None.

Absent: None.



HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

No. 129

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO FORGO ADDITIONAL FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS

Sponsored by: Committee on Administration/Veterans' Affairs

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Plan contained an additional \$300 for people laid off through September 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is spending money it does not have; and

WHEREAS, the glut of federal money into the economy has led to inflation (groceries, gas, lumber, food, etc.) and may lead to stagflation; and

WHEREAS, employers both in the private and public sector are seeing jobs go unfilled; and

WHEREAS, businesses may need to cut hours or close due to a lack of staff; and

WHEREAS, it's vital that we get the economy in Herkimer County and New York State back on track for the health and viability of our State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Herkimer County Legislature urges the Governor of New York State along with our State Legislature to sunset the \$300 benefit in additional unemployment insurance as soon as possible and not to proceed past June 26, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York, Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie, Majority Leader of the Senate Andrea

Stewart-Cousins, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Senator Peter Oberacker, Senator James Tedisco, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Brian Miller, and Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, NYSAC, and the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

Chairman Bono stated that pursuant to Rule 6(12) they would proceed with comments by Legislators. The following legislators made a comment: Legislator Brezinski, Chairman Bono, Legislator Russell, Legislator Donley, and Legislator Stephens.

At 7:20 p.m. on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the Legislature adjourned to Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law A of 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

Brittney R. Viscomi, Clerk