

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Organization/Board Meeting- Tuesday, January 7, 2025

The Board convened at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York with all members present except for Supervisor Henderson (58 Votes) and Supervisor Winn (31 Votes). Supervisor Reuter participated via Zoom due to the extraordinary circumstance of caring for a sick relative.

On Motion by Supervisor Wicks, seconded by Supervisor Corbin, the previous meeting minutes were adopted and filed.

Vouchers Payable Report submitted by Finance Director Lou Anne Randall, in the amount of \$7,840,043.38.

Communications, Reports and Reports of Committees

1. Madison County Corrections of Error Report for 2024 provided by Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chaires.
2. Public Comment received from Chittenango School Bus Driver Regarding possible Implementation of School Bus Stop Arm Camera Law at County Level.

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone present to speak to the resolutions up for adoption, none were present.

Assistant District Attorney, Robert Mascari stepped forward to provide a presentation highlighting the Madison County District Attorney's Office. Mascari reviewed the importance of the DA's Office and the challenges they face along with the priorities of the office. Mascari provided a review of the staff and structure of the office and thanked the Board for their support along with many other departments that help ensure their success.

Supervisor Winn joined the Meeting via Zoom at this point, Winn can vote due to the extraordinary circumstance of illness. Votes will now reflect 1,442 votes present.

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

By Supervisor Walrod:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-1

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – RETIREE RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors believes that County employees should be recognized for their faithful service to the public; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the distinguished service of certain County employees with an upcoming retirement is in order,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the dedicated contributions of Joseph A. Barres and Peter Krocke.

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Joseph A. Barres	Highway	28 Years of Service
Peter J. Krocke, Jr.	Highway	22 Years of Service

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,442 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 58 (Henderson)

Highway Superintendent Joe Wisinski stepped forward to accept a retirement gift on behalf of Retiree Joseph Barres. Barres served Madison County for 28 years as an HEO in the Highway Department and was on the paving crew.

Wisinski then accepted and presented a retirement gift to Peter Krocke Jr. for his 22 years of service. Krocke Jr. is retiring as the Senior Crew Supervisor in the Wampsville shop and worked his way up from a Motor Equipment Operator. Krocke Jr will be missed and was thanked for his time here at Madison County. We wish him well in his retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2

CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION IN THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County Clerk’s Office provides information and direction to the public on Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) services and determines eligibility for drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk recognizes the need for proper staffing of the DMV is essential to providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Office recently promoted an employee to a vacant supervisor position, leaving a vacant Motor Vehicle Representative position that may only be filled on a temporary basis until the promoted employee completes probation due to civil service law and rule; and

WHEREAS, hiring a temporary employee into this position is not practicable and the County Clerk has asked that an additional Motor Vehicle Representative position be created while the vacant Motor Vehicle Representative position is encumbered; and

WHEREAS, the department has sufficient funding in its existing budget to accommodate the creation of the position; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one full time Motor Vehicle Representative position be and hereby is created effective immediately, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that once the vacant position is no longer encumbered, the newly created position will be eliminated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be and hereby is authorized to fill said position in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule and the contract between the County and the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc. White Collar Unit effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,442 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 58 (Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-3

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (LGPEP) GRANT**

WHEREAS, Madison County is eligible to apply for a Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program (LGPE) Grant provided by the New York State Department of State; and

WHEREAS, the LGPE grants provide funding to municipalities to expand or develop new local service delivery initiatives that will reduce the cost of current or future municipal operations and incorporate enhanced technologies and processes to modernize the delivery of local services ; and

WHEREAS, individual municipalities within Madison County are responsible for the enforcement of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code; and

WHEREAS, as of June 2024, there were 16 code officers that serve the 26 municipalities (towns, city, and villages); with several code officers serving more than one municipality.

WHEREAS, In June of 2024, Madison County Public Health (MCPH) conducted a survey of the current municipal code officers (CO) in Madison County to gather input about housing conditions and related code enforcement issues. The survey results indicate that a lack of judicial enforcement, workloads, and time constraints represented barriers to addressing code-related issues.

WHEREAS, findings from an MCPH 2024 review of the current municipal comprehensive plans in Madison County (18) reveal that more than half of the municipalities (10) identified the need to enhance code development and improve enforcement activities in their municipalities.

WHEREAS, a 2019 report published by the New York State Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations raised concerns about the quality of code enforcement at the local level and noted that larger reforms may be necessary to address these issues.

WHEREAS, Eric Faisst, Madison County Director of Public Health, has reviewed and completed the LGPEP grant application; and

WHEREAS, The County would seek to engage a public sector consultant to review and evaluate the provision of code enforcement services at the town and village level in Madison County and identify opportunities to enforce codes more effectively and efficiently by sharing services.

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee have approved the submittal of this application,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Director of Public Health be and hereby is authorized to submit the application for a Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program Grant, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,442 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 58 (Henderson)

By Supervisor Cavanagh:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-4

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
WANDERER'S REST HUMANE ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR DOG SHELTER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Wanderers' Rest Humane Association Inc. possesses the facilities necessary for meeting the sheltering needs of those municipalities in Madison County responsible for such provisions as mandated by Article 7 of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, Wanderers' Rest Humane Association Inc. further possesses the special skills, experience and capability to implement and provide low-cost spay-neuter services, and the outreach and promotion of such services that constitute an Animal Population Control Program as described by the aforementioned Article 7 of NYS Agriculture and Market's Law; and

WHEREAS, the agreement will cover the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$131,385.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has made the recommendation for the County to enter into an agreement with Wanderers' Rest Humane Association Inc. for dog shelter and population control services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Wanderers' Rest Humane Association Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,442 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 58 (Henderson)

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone present to speak for the Public Comment Period, none were present.

On motion by Supervisor Vosburg, seconded by Supervisor Walrod, the Board entered Executive Session for advice of legal counsel at 11:30 A.M.

On motion by Supervisor Wicks, seconded by Supervisor Reger, the Board exited Executive Session at 12:19 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4, 2025.

There being no further business, Supervisor Walrod made motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Daviau and carried.