

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Meeting – Thursday, September 11, 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 Kinville and Stokes (84 Votes) Supervisor During attended and participated via Zoom due to the extenuating circumstance of illness.

On Motion by Supervisor Reuter, seconded by Supervisor Reger, the August 12, 2025, and August 26th, 2025, meeting minutes were adopted and filed.

Vouchers Payable Report submitted by Finance Director Lou Anne Randall, in the amount of \$1,769,852.72.

Communications, Reports and Reports of Committees

1. Contract Under 20K Report
2. Corporate Compliance Program Quarterly Report

Chairman Cunningham requested a moment of silence be held in honor of all the victims of 9/11, of those we have lost and those we continue to lose each day.

Supervisor Cavanagh requested a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk, a political activist who was assassinated on September 10, 2025, while speaking at a public event.

Planning Director Scott Ingmire stepped forward to briefly explain the reasoning for holding the upcoming public hearing and that this is the second required hearing for this grant.

At 11:05 a.m. Chairman Cunningham announced the Madison County's Microenterprise Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project (686ME552-24). Supervisor Wicks made the motion to open the hearing, seconded by Supervisor Corbin and carried.

Chairman then called for speakers and there were none wishing to speak.

Supervisor Shwartz then made the motion to close the hearing, seconded by Supervisor Reuter and carried.

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

Chairman Cunningham spoke to the development of the Solid Waste Technical Committee and provided a brief history over the past few years. The Board of Supervisors received community input on the Madison County Landfill back in December of 2023 and subsequently created an advisory committee charged with providing stakeholder input and knowledge to evaluate the long-term viability of the landfill operations, benefit to residents, employees and the community as a whole.

Chairman then introduced Robert Kukenburger, P.E., to step forward and present the Technical Committee's research and recommendations to the Board on the Madison County Landfill operations. The recommendations include the following:

1. Volume and Efficiencies – Increase the Annual Waste acceptance by 50 to 100% as soon as reasonable and practical
2. Permit Needs – Modify current operating permit to accept up to 125,000 tons per year
3. Regional Partnerships – Develop plans to accept approximately 100,000 tons per year through intermunicipal agreements with neighboring counties and agencies
4. Disaster and Emergency Preparedness – Develop plans to accept large quantity of debris over a short period of time in case of natural disasters.
5. Public Engagement – Engage the public with clear communications and transparency regarding the above recommendations.

Kukenburger then continued to provide information on the benefits of these recommendations as well as potential challenges and goals for the future. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion among the Board Members. Following the presentation, Chairman Cunningham along with Technical Committee Chairwoman Eve Ann Schwartz, then provided a plaque to Kukenburger and other Technical Committee Members and thanked them for their volunteered time and service to this committee.

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee Chairman Rex Vosburg read the following proclamation aloud:

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNITION OF SHERIFFS' WEEK SEPTEMBER 14 TO 20, 2025

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Madison County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first Constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of our original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well- trained police officers and correctional officers, using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and

most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections; and

***WHEREAS**, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of “Keeper of the Peace,” and extend into many facets of public service beyond law enforcement and corrections, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling the civil process for our courts; and*

***WHEREAS**, as a constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system,*

***NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Madison County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the important services provided to the citizens of this County by Sheriff Todd Hood and the members of the Sheriff’s Office, and do hereby proclaim September 14th to 20th, 2025 to be Sheriffs’ Week in Madison County.*

Resolutions – Preferred Agenda

By Government Operations Committee:

Committee Chairman Paul Walrod provided a quick synopsis of the resolutions being presented today.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-252

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE

WHEREAS, Madison County currently contracts with Spectrum Enterprise for Internet services at Delphi Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement authorized under Resolution 24-361 provides for 36 months of 50MB of Internet services at a cost of \$675 a month; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to increase the bandwidth to 100MB; and

WHEREAS, this will increase the cost by \$25 a month to \$700 a month; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Government Operations Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Gila LLC d/b/a Municipal Services Bureau, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-253

AMENDING POLICY AND PROCEDURES USE OF COUNTY PASSENGER VEHICLES

WHEREAS, Madison County is committed to providing a safe and efficient environment for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted and revised the Use of County Passenger Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the current policy requires amendments and procedural changes and the responsibilities of employees utilizing the fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the amendments to the procedure and recommends adoption by the Board of Supervisors,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the revised Use of County Vehicles policy as amended.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-254

**AMENDING HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY AND PROCEDURES
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

WHEREAS, Madison County is committed to providing a safe environment for its employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted and a Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing policy and procedure; and

WHEREAS, the current policy requires amendments and updates to comply with legislative and procedural changes; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the amendments to the procedures and recommends adoption by the Board of Supervisors,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the revised Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and Procedure as amended.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-255

**CREATING ONE CASE MANAGER FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS POSITION IN
THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Program coordinates the assignment of attorneys to represent individuals who cannot afford to retain an attorney in various Criminal and Family Court matters; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Administrator has identified a need for enhanced case analysis for clients that are charged with certain offenses; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient funding via grants in the 2025 Assigned Counsel Departmental budget; and

WHEREAS, this request was reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Government Operations Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one full-time Case Manager for Indigent Defendants position be and hereby is created in the Assigned Counsel Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assigned Counsel Administrator be and hereby is authorized to fill said position in accordance with the agreement by and between Madison County and CSEA Local 1000 (White Collar Unit), Civil Service Law and Rule, and Madison County Policy and Procedures effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

By Finance, Ways and Means Committee:

Committee Chairman Matt Roberts provided a summary of the resolutions being presented as well as any committee updates. Roberts reminded everyone that budget hearings are scheduled for the upcoming week and encouraged Board Member attendance.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-256

**ACKNOWLEDGING INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR
2025 AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, Supervisor Roberts has duly introduced proposed Local Law No. 5 for the year 2025, entitled, "A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said proposed local law has been furnished to each Supervisor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on the proposed local law in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors at the Madison County Office Building on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 11:05 a.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall duly publish a notice of said hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

COUNTY OF MADISON

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

Be it enacted by the Madison County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. Title: This law shall be known as “A Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c”

Section 2. Legislative Findings and Purpose:

General Municipal Law §3-c “Limit upon real property tax levies by local governments” requires 60% approval from the County Legislative Body in order to increase the county tax levy from the previous year above two (2) percent or above the rate of inflation, whichever is less. This year the projection is two (2) percent. That number does not include the County’s tax base growth factor which is 1.0123.

Due to the cost of State mandated programs and services, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has been forced to authorize the override of the State imposed tax cap in order to have sufficient funds to protect the wellbeing of the citizens of Madison County and provide essential local public health, safety, and infrastructure programs and services.

Mandated State programs and services include but are not limited to Medicaid, Public Assistance, Child Welfare, Preschool Special Education, Indigent Defense, Early Intervention, Youth Detention and Pension costs. These State mandated programs and services require more than forty-three million County dollars and represent approximately 90% of the total prior year’s County real property tax levy.

These State mandates must be paid first before local taxes may be used for County purposes.

Madison County can effectively implement a property tax cap only if there is meaningful action by the State of New York to control the cost of State mandated programs and services and provide mandate relief to counties.

The purpose of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law §3-c prior to adopting the 2026 County Budget.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date:

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-257

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

3114 Grant-Multidisciplinary Teams

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A311430 512000 Personal Services Grants	\$142,675	\$143,175
A311430 541000 Travel Expense (Mileage)	2,000	50
A311430 580001 Allocation Fringe Benefits	<u>38,822</u>	<u>40,272</u>

Control Total	<u>\$183,497</u>	<u>\$183,497</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-258

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1619 County Buildings-Vets

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A161910 540224 Exterior Building Cleaning/Repair	\$105,000	\$-0-

1620 County Buildings

Expense

A162010 540224 Exterior Building Cleaning/Repair	78,000	-0-
A162010 540268 Exterior Awnings Reno	30,000	-0-
A162010 540266 Public Health HVAC Reno	402,000	745,007

1621 County Buildings-HHS

Expense

A162110 540224 Exterior Building Cleaning/Repair	<u>225,000</u>	<u>94,993</u>
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Control Total	<u>\$840,000</u>	<u>\$840,000</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-259

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

6010 Social Services Administration

From

To

Expense

A601060 540103 Computer Software Maintenance	\$65,367	\$114,527
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6129 State Training School

Expense

A612960 541187 State Training School Expense	<u>948,522</u>	<u>899,362</u>
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Control Totals	<u>\$1,013,889</u>	<u>\$1,013,889</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-260

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1990 Contingent Fund

From

To

Expense

A199010 544440 Contingent Fund	\$286,312	\$261,312
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4090 Public Health Environmental

Expense

A409040 540415 Pesticide Application	-0-	<u>50,000</u>
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Totals	<u>\$286,312</u>	<u>\$311,312</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$25,000</u>
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4090 Public Health Environmental**Revenue**

A409040 434018 State Aid Base Grant-Environmental	\$375,355	\$400,355
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Control Total		\$25,000
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-261**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

Water Fund**8340 Clockville Water District No. 1****Revenue**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FX834080 565085 Principal-BAN Water District	\$20,000	\$-0-
FX834080 594203 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	-0-	20,000

Control Totals	\$20,000	\$20,000
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Capital Projects Fund**8342 Clockville Water District No. 1****Revenue**

H834280 450335 Transfer from Water Fund	\$5,481	\$35,481
H834280 457100 Serial Bonds	1,216,000	1,186,000

Control Totals	\$1,221,481	\$1,221,481
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-262**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2025 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund**1990 Contingent Fund****Expense**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A199010 544440 Contingent Fund	\$261,312	\$161,326

9950 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund**Expense**

A995099 594206 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund Mid-Year	\$-0-	\$99,986
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Totals	\$261,312	\$261,312
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Capital Projects Fund
8782 Broadband Project-ConnectALL

Revenue

H878280 439900 State Aid-Municipal Infrastructure Program Grant	\$-0-	\$9,998,562
H878280 450310 Transfer from General Fund	<u>-0-</u>	<u>99,986</u>
Totals	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$10,098,548</u>
Control Total		<u>\$10,098,548</u>

Expense

H878280 529802 Engineering Expense	\$-0-	\$407,160
H878280 529803 Contingency	-0-	463,080
H878280 529804 Licensing & Permits	-0-	3,210,832
H878280 529806 Project Management	-0-	216,000
H878280 529820 Construction Expense	-0-	5,701,490
H878280 529835 Project Fees	<u>-0-</u>	<u>99,986</u>
Totals	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$10,098,548</u>
Control Total		<u>\$10,098,548</u>

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

At this time, Health and Human Services Committee Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh provided a committee update and spoke to the resolutions to be voted on in regular agenda. Departments provided budget summaries to the Committee.

Planning Committee Chairwoman Eve Ann Shwartz provided a committee update and spoke to the resolutions to be voted on in regular agenda. The committee consisted of department budget summaries and updates from various agencies.

By Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee:

Committee Chairman Rex Vosburg spoke to the resolutions being voted on today, five of which are Special Patrol Officer agreements, one being the first to be implemented in a private school within Madison County.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-263

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
DERUYTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL
OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the DeRuyter Central School District is desirous in continuing to utilize these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the DeRuyter Central School District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to continue to provide services to the DeRuyter Central School District has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the DeRuyter Central School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-264

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Central School District is desirous in continuing to utilize these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the Cazenovia Central School District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to continue to provide services to the Cazenovia Central School District has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the Cazenovia Central School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-265

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE

ONEIDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida City School District is desirous in continuing to utilize these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the Oneida City School District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to continue to provide services to the Oneida City School District has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the Oneida City School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-266

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHITTENANGO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the Chittenango Central School District is desirous in continuing to utilize these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the Chittenango Central School District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to continue to provide services to the Chittenango Central School District has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the Chittenango Central School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-267

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the St. Patrick's School District is desirous in utilizing these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the St. Patrick's School District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to provide services to the St. Patrick's School District has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the St. Patrick's School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-268

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN LEGISLATION RELATED TO REMOVING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM THE LIMIT ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital resource, necessary to the health and well-being of communities across New York; and

WHEREAS, as a system that provides a wide range of pre-hospital medical care to sick or injured people in emergency situations, the difference between a municipality that provides for EMS and one that does not can often make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, despite its vast importance, there is an ongoing EMS crisis in this state, particularly in how it is funded, staffed and operated; and

WHEREAS, much of this stems from a fundamental misconception about EMS vis-a-vis other critical services like police and fire. This is reflected in New York State law, which fails to recognize the essential nature of EMS; and

WHEREAS, as a result, EMS providers are often undervalued and under-respected for the critical role they play in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the EMS framework in New York includes an array of private, public or not-for-profit providers that have expanded across the state in a scattered, patchwork approach leaving many New York residents uncertain whether an EMS provider will be available in their community at the time of need, which is why we need to create greater flexibility for municipalities to facilitate EMS to meet unique local challenges, represents a critical next step in the provision of EMS; and

WHEREAS, S.1515 (May) / A.2177 (Lupardo), legislation that removes EMS services from the real property tax cap allowing local municipalities to expand and better support their local EMS services, has passed both the Senate and Assembly and is waiting for Governor Hochul's signature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Madison County urges Governor Hochul to sign S.1515 / A.2177 into law.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

By Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Committee Chairman Loren Corbin provided a committee update and spoke to the resolutions being voted on.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-269

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KING & KING ARCHITECTS, LLP

WHEREAS, Madison County is in need of professional engineer services with regards to the Human Services Building Roof; and

WHEREAS, King & King Architects, LLP has served previously as the design engineer for the County Buildings and possess the special skills and training to perform the services required, and

WHEREAS, King & King Architects, LLP., has agreed to perform these professional design and engineering services for a total cost of \$23,750, with a possibility of additional structural design services costs if determined to be required, with services to commence September 11, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026;

WHEREAS, the costs of these services have been allocated within the 2025 adopted county budget; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with King & King Architects, LLP., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-270

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO AWARD BID 2025-37 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BURNS BROS CONTRACTORS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received and opened on August 14, 2025 for Board Of Elections HVAC Piping Upgrade (RFB#2025-37); and

WHEREAS, all bids have been canvassed and reviewed by King & King Architects and it is recommended for the bid to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee has reviewed and recommends moving forward with entering into the agreement for the performance of this work, commencing September 12, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County accept the following bid for the work heretofore described, to wit:

Bid Ref. No 2025-37 – Board of Elections HVAC Piping Upgrade

**Burns Bros Contractors
400 Leavenworth Ave
Syracuse, NY 13204**

TOTAL BID: \$63,200.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon receipt of all contract documents, the Chairman be and hereby is authorized to enter into said contract, copies of which are on file with the clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-271

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WALKER TREE CARE, INC

WHEREAS, Madison County has a need for certified line clearance tree trimmers in regards to the Texas Hill 911 Tower; and

WHEREAS, Walker Tree Services, Inc., possess the necessary certifications and requirements to perform this tree maintenance work; and

WHEREAS, Walker Tree Services, Inc. has agreed to provide these services, commencing September 11, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$26,585.00; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Highway, Buildings & Ground Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with Walker Tree Care, Inc. in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-272

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO MODIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH
BLUES BROTHERS CONCRETE COATINGS, LLC**

WHEREAS, Madison County entered into an agreement (25-FAC-16) with Blues Brothers Concrete Coatings, LLC for concrete flooring installation at our Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS, additional flooring areas in the Public Safety Building have been approved by New York State Department of Corrections for installation and is scheduled to be completed in phases over the next few years; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to amend the current agreement with Blues Brothers Concrete Coatings, LLC to include phases 2 & 3, commencing September 11, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2025, for a total additional cost of \$21,848.00; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has reviewed the modified agreement and recommends that the agreement be accepted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to modify an agreement with Blues Brothers Concrete Coatings, LLC. Accordingly, a copy of said Agreement is filed with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Chairwoman Melissa During provided a committee update and spoke to the proposed department budget that was presented along with proposed tip fees. During reminded everyone of the Solid Waste open house event that is scheduled for Saturday September 27, 2025 from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in conjunction with the Town of Lincoln Fall Festival.

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

By Supervisor Walrod:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-273

APPOINTING AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the former Information Technology Director retired as of September 3, 2025 thus leaving a vacancy to be filled; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish a successful transition, the County Administrator established a search committee to assist with recruitment of the next Information Technology Director, and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the search committee, the Government Operations Committee recommend that Robert Verdon, Deputy Director of Information Technology, be appointed as the Information Technology Director,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Verdon be and hereby is appointed Information Technology Director at the 2025 annual salary of \$119,844 effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION 25-274

DESIGNATING A HIPAA SECURITY OFFICER

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and its implementing regulations, covered entities are required to designate a Security Official who is responsible for the development and implementation of the entity's policies and procedures to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule; and

WHEREAS, 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(a)(2) specifies that a covered entity must identify the Security Official who is responsible for the development and implementation of the policies and procedures required by the Security Rule; and

WHEREAS, Madison County is a hybrid covered entity subject to the HIPAA Security Rule and is committed to safeguarding the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic protected health information (ePHI) it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a qualified individual to serve as the HIPAA Security Officer is necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with federal requirements, proper risk management, and effective coordination of security practices across the County,

WHEREAS, the Security Officer will be responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of HIPAA security policies and procedures; the oversight of security risk assessments and mitigation plans; ensuring compliance with the administrative, physical, and technical safeguards required by the HIPAA Security Rule; coordinating with County departments to ensure proper training, awareness, and enforcement of HIPAA security requirements; and monitoring and overseeing the County's information security practices to protect ePHI; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.308(a)(2), Madison County hereby designates the Director of Information Technology, Robert Verdon, as the County's HIPAA Security Officer effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this designation shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by further resolution of the County.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-275

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
VenTek Inc.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Social Services Law, local districts are required to administer financial assistance programs to low-income families and a task-based computer system will provide a more efficient and effective use of staff resources than a traditional caseload system; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services receives monies through the Department of Health and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to utilize staff to assist individuals to apply and recertify for financial assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services lacks the necessary staff and expertise to implement an automated task-based software system application; and

WHEREAS, VenTek Inc. is a business with a demonstrated ability to develop, implement, and provide annual software support and maintenance of a task-based software system; and

WHEREAS, VenTek Inc. has agreed to provide said services for the period October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed thirty two thousand six hundred twenty eight dollars (\$32,628.00) in full and final satisfaction of all services and expenses for the contract year; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this service is reimbursable through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Home Energy Assistance Program at a rate of 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Health and Human Services Committee;

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

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO.25-276

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
TIPCO**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New York State Social Services Law, local districts are

required to administer financial assistance programs to low-income families and an AI-powered virtual caseworker assistant (EVA) will provide a more efficient and effective use of staff resources by automating tasks, reducing administrative burdens and manual processes; and

WHEREAS, EVA is specifically designed to streamline and automate common processes while ensuring compliance with state and federal timeliness standards, which will allow the Madison County Department of Social Services to optimize the workforce and allocate resources more efficiently toward processing eligibility for crucial benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, EVA is composed of three modules: EVA phone, EVA Companion and EVA Rights and Responsibilities, which assists in areas including but not limited to, answering main phone lines, responding to common questions and providing publicly available data, reading program rights and responsibilities to customers as required by Federal and State program regulations, and providing chatbot capabilities which allows caseworkers to access and search federal/state directives and internal policies; and

WHEREAS, EVA will enable the Madison County Department of Social Services to expedite eligibility determinations, reducing food, medical, housing and financial insecurities within communities, providing individuals and families access to vital supports in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, TipCo is a business with a demonstrated ability to develop, implement, and provide project management and technical support and maintenance of EVA; and

WHEREAS, TipCo's total projected cost for said services, including one-time set up fee for the period September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 is forty nine thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$49,160); and

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

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-277

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Madison County wishes to assess the advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant Business Expansion and Startup ("CDBG BEST") application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for Smokin' Brothers, Inc., Ray Brothers (the "Company") and their plans to open a new business in the Village of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding the County's community development needs and the CDBG application(s) prior to submitting application(s) for CDBG funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held regarding the County's community development needs and the proposed application in the Chambers of the

Madison County Board of Supervisors on October 7th, 2025 at 11:10 AM or as soon as possible thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County duly publish a notice of said hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least eight (8) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-278

APPROVING TRADE-IN OF 2005 BOBCAT S185 SKID-LOADER

WHEREAS, in accordance with Madison County Purchasing Policy, certain County equipment must be approved for trade-in by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Warner Sales & Service has provided a trade-in value of \$8,000 for Madison County Solid Waste Department's 2005 Bobcat S185 Skid-Loader (#SW0713); and

WHEREAS, Warner Sales & Service has provided a trade difference cost of \$71,067.05 that would allow Madison County to trade #SW0713 for a 2025 Bobcat T76 Compact Track Loader; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the trade-in equipment has been appropriated in the 2025 Miscellaneous Equipment Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors approves the trade-in of the above piece of equipment.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-279

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RECOVERY DRILLING SERVICES, LLC FOR INSTALLATION OF LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION WELLS

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Madison County Department of Solid Waste initiated a landfill gas collection improvement and dewatering project that includes the installation of additional landfill gas collection wells to increase the amount of landfill gas collected by the system;

WHEREAS, Recovery Drilling Services, LLC. submitted the lowest/only bidder of the responding vendors; and

WHEREAS, this work is part of the landfill gas collection improvement and dewatering project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2025 agreement for the installation of additional landfill gas collection wells for the amount of \$37,678.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Recovery Drilling

Services, 157 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571, (in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors) to install additional landfill gas collection wells in 2025.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-280

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Madison County wishes to assess the advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant Community Planning application to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) program for conducting a housing needs assessment for Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding the County's community planning needs and the CDBG application(s) prior to submitting application(s) for CDBG funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held regarding the County's community planning needs and the proposed application in the Chambers of the Madison County Board of Supervisors on October 7th, 2025 at 11:15 AM or as soon as possible thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County duly publish a notice of said hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least eight (8) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,416 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 84 (Kinville, Stokes)

At this time, Vice Chairman of the Board Paul Walrod read the following statement aloud:

"For the past few years, Madison County has been evaluating options to address the long-term space needs of our campus. Initially, in early 2024, the County was preparing to meet those needs through a major renovation of a tax-foreclosed facility in Canastota, with an estimated cost of nearly \$10 million.

In December 2024, representatives from 9 Fresh approached Madison County with an opportunity to consider buildings on the former Cazenovia College campus for potential county lease or purchase.

Over the following months, county leadership, Facilities, Information Technology and members of the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management conducted detailed site visits to evaluate the feasibility of this option. After thorough review with the Buildings and Grounds Committee and ultimately the Board of Supervisors, the Board approved a purchase agreement in May 2025 for the Reisman Hall and Siggety Hall at a cost of approximately \$1.9 million. The properties would require only minor renovations to

prepare them for county use – saving taxpayers millions of dollars. The agreement was executed in July 2025.

This decision reflects a thoughtful pivot from a costly renovation project to a practical and cost-effective solution. It demonstrates the County's commitment to fiscal responsibility while ensuring our facilities meet the needs of both staff and the public. In addition, relocating approximately 40-60 employees to downtown Cazenovia will provide a boost to the local economy.

We stand by the decision to purchase these vacant properties on the former Cazenovia College campus and believe it represents the best outcome for both Madison County and the Cazenovia community. “

Chairman Cunningham took a moment to explain Madison County's stance on this issue and the process undergone to get to this point. Chairman briefly touched base on the goals that this purchase would accomplish including the growing needs within the County Campus.

Sheriff Todd Hood then stepped forward to address growing concerns within the community relating to the purchase of these buildings and speak to the issues the Sheriffs Office currently experience with existing facilities. Things to be addressed should the purchase go through, would include accessibility to classrooms for training purposes, adequate space allowing for facilities to clean up prior to going home as well as additional office space for staff.

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone signed up to speak in the Public Comment period.

Julie Carlson, resident of Lebanon, stepped forward to express concerns regarding the purchase of buildings on the former Cazenovia College campus. Carlson spoke to concerns regarding lack of transparency and asked there be more community input in this purchase process. Carlson further expressed concerns with the agreement between Sheriff Hood and the Immigration Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) and the impact that it has on the community.

Nancy Ries, resident of Sunny Pt South in Hamilton, read aloud a letter provided to the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Hood.

Laura Reeder, resident of Cazenovia, read aloud a letter provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Bill Bullen, resident of Cazenovia, stepped forward to request that the Board of Supervisors please consider pausing the process of this purchase and allow for community input.

Rebecca Downing, resident of Linklean Terrace in Cazenovia, stepped forward to express concerns and echo many of the voices who spoke before her. Downing requested that there be more public input to this process.

Laura McGrew, resident of Hall Rd in Erieville, stepped forward to express her frustrations and concerns with the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff. McGrew spoke to the agreement signed into place between the Sheriff and ICE and voiced concerns on its impact to the residents of Madison County.

Chairman Cunningham addressed the room with a final statement on the topic being brought forward by many members of the public regarding the purchase of buildings on former Cazenovia College Campus. On January 22, 2025, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds committee discussed the proposed purchase in an open meeting, available to the public. At the May 13, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting, resolution 25-145 Authorizing Chairman to Execute an Offer to Purchase and Corresponding Documents for Real Estate Purchase, was approved by the Board. Chairman explained that there has been many avenues that this information has been available to the public in an effort to provide transparency. Furthermore, all Board of Supervisors Meetings are recorded and live streamed to provide additional accessibility for those who are unable to be present in person. Chairman added that our Public Information Office does an incredible job with their due diligence on providing the public with information on the things going on here at the County.

Sheriff Hood provided a closing comment as well and briefly touched on the encounters his office faces daily and spoke to the working relationship with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). Sheriff Hood expressed that he will happily answer any questions and encourages residents to reach out to him directly to have an open conversation.

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